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**KHAZEI'S PLAN TO HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS  
CALLS TO HONOR ACTIVE AND RETURNING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

BOSTON –U.S. Senate candidate and co-founder of City Year Alan Khazei announced his plan to ensure that veterans and their families are given the support they need and deserve on AlanforSenate.com. Khazei's plan detailed his commitment to providing veterans with both physical and mental care as well as helping them and their families successfully complete the transition back to civilian life.

Khazei's Veterans Plan Guiding Principles:

Health Care:

- Guarantee the Department of Veterans Affairs has full, mandatory funding to provide continuous care to our veterans and military families, including comprehensive coverage for mental health issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries.
- Increase budget for mental health issues at every stage of military service. This includes recruiting more mental health professionals and improving screening processes; placing more mental health professionals with troops as they train, deploy and return; and fighting the stigma of psychological injury by enhancing training and outreach. Alan looks forward to the implementation of the VA's National Mental Health Strategic Plan and its Uniform Mental Health Services initiative, and supports the work of networks of mental health organizations that serve veterans.

Create New Jobs for Veterans:

- Support the Obama administration's push to create jobs for veterans by partnering with the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration to enhance visibility and competitiveness of veteran-owned small businesses.

Education:

- Fully fund veterans' employment and education benefits.
- Expand military spouse scholarship programs, educational benefits for military families as mandated in the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and the Operation Purple Program that provides after-school and summer programming for children of service members.

Military Families:

- Support helping military families — the pillars of our nation's armed forces — by offering more counseling and support services. Khazei knows that when one family member serves, the entire family serves.

To view Khazei's entire Veterans Plan that discusses veterans' medical care, the transition to civilian life and Khazei's dedication to military families, please click on the following link: <http://www.alanforsenate.com/pages/144/>

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*Alan Khazei, founder of Be The Change, Inc. and co-founder of City Year, which inspired the creation of President Clinton's national and community service program AmeriCorps, is a nonprofit leader and lifelong public servant. In 2006, US News and World Report named Alan one of America's 25 Best Leaders, and the Boston Globe Magazine identified him as one of 11 Bostonians Changing the World.*