

Parents Against the Draft

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This release details the results of a survey made of all 41 Massachusetts candidates for the U.S. House and Senate concerning the draft and draft registration. A copy of the questionnaire is also enclosed for your information; it was mailed to all the candidates on July 20, 1984 (except Kerry, whose office was contacted by phone on August 27).

THE DRAFT? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

MOST BAY STATE CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE, SENATE,
NOT CONCERNED ABOUT A MILITARY DRAFT

That's the message most Massachusetts candidates for the U.S. House and Senate seem to be sending. In a recent survey of candidates by Parents Against the Draft, a Brookline-based group, only twelve of the forty-one Bay State candidates responded to a/five questions on the draft and draft registration.

Two Democrats running for the Senate, John F. Kerry and James M. Shannon, both voiced strong opposition to a peacetime draft. They also oppose the present system of peacetime draft registration. Shannon points out that he voted against draft registration when it was introduced to the House of Representatives in 1980. He is also a co-sponsor of the Sabo bill, which would rescind all funds for draft registration.

Both Kerry and Shannon also oppose the idea of making draft registration a prerequisite for receiving government benefits such as Federal student

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