



Marisa DeFranco Declares Victory in Last Night's Democratic Forum

DeFranco stands up for the 99%, "Hammered" the 1%

One thing was clear in the Democratic Senate Candidates Forum last night at Stonehill College: Marisa DeFranco stood out and spoke out with conviction and truly addressed the issues facing the Commonwealth and who is best equipped to take on Scott Brown. **She was the clear winner** as we continue the dialogue on who will best serve the people of Massachusetts.

"I was thrilled to be at last night's debate, and give our message directly to the voters, full force and undistilled by sound bites," DeFranco stated. **"The only reason to ever run for office is to advocate for people's rights, jobs, and justice.** Talking to voters afterwards only confirmed that we are on the right track with our grassroots campaign. We will not kowtow to a machine, we will not accept the status quo, we will not accept that money speaks louder than the voice of the people. "

The media and voters alike responded to a breath of fresh air on stage, a courageous fighter tackling the nuances of some of the complex issues brought before the candidates. Here are some quotes from Bianca Vazquez Toness' coverage on the forum

"DeFranco was certainly the most aggressive. She really drew a distinction between herself and Warren in this debate... DeFranco appeared further to the left than the rest of the group. She said she was the only one of the candidates that supports single-payer health care, and no one disagreed with her."

– Bianca Vazquez Toness (WBUR)

As we count about 9 months until the Democratic Primary, it's clear that our campaign for the 99% is resonating. **We are fed up and know that the pathway to the people's seat isn't populated with poll tested platitudes, corporate money and half hearted commitments.**

"As I said last night, **we, the people, must find a different way, a bolder way to elect our leaders.** Talking directly to the people, that's the way. But this way is not new, it just needs to be resurrected from and to replace today's tired campaign formula of money, money, attack ads, and money. Last night was all about message, message, message, and ours came through loud and clear," affirmed DeFranco.

She concluded, "We will fight for the people. When the chips are down, the people will know that we have their backs, and that we will always put their interests above the monied powers that be, and **we will fight to put the power back where it belongs, in the hands of the people.**"

