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Dear Friends,

One year ago today, the United States Senate passed a measure to keep our government funded for three weeks. The tone of the debate that surrounded this vote was disheartening, characterized as much by its incivility as its lack of effectiveness. Once again, American families were confronted with leadership that was unable to offer comprehensive solutions.

One year ago today, I, like many Americans, knew that there was a smarter way forward. I knew that the people of Massachusetts deserved better.

One year ago today, I launched my candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

And what an amazing year it has been.

Many of the problems that we faced as residents of the Commonwealth are still with us today. The tone in Washington has led voters to lose faith in their elected officials. There have been few, if any, proposals aimed at thoroughly addressing our biggest challenges—jobs, energy independence, financial stability and immigration reform. And someone who claimed he could be an "independent voice" in D.C. politics has failed Massachusetts residents.

In that time, I have had the privilege of meeting thousands of residents throughout Massachusetts. I have had the opportunity to hear directly from folks, to listen to them describe the issues that matter most to their families and communities, and to share with them my vision for what their next U.S. Senator can, and should, be—a self-selected candidate, and a proud, strong progressive who is willing to fight every single day for her core values while also forging consensus around the issues that affect us.

As an advocate and an attorney, I work to build solutions. As a business owner, I make tough decisions every day. As a grassroots campaigner, I understand the value of the phrase "All politics is local." As your next Senator, I will continue to build solutions, make tough decisions, and understand who I am working for. I am in this race to win, and I will be in Washington to fight for you.

No one asked me to get into this race. A few folks have asked me to leave. But I will not—because I am a fighter, and because I can win. With your help, we will beat Scott Brown. As a fighter, I know never to quit until the bell rings at the end of the final round. Right now, we are just coming out of our corner for the start of round one.

We have a long road until the September primary, and I would be honored by your support as we walk that road together, shaking hands and talking to voters along the way. My campaign started by knocking on doors, asking for volunteers to help us out, and keeping in touch with activists throughout the Commonwealth. It will continue in the same way.

One year ago today, the people of Massachusetts were demanding a new direction and new leadership in the U.S. Senate. Let's make sure that when we write this email next year, we are listing our accomplishments from the floor of the Senate.

A progressive voice and a progressive choice for Massachusetts—join us.

Best,
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Marisa DeFranco is an energetic fighter running for the Democratic Nomination for United States Senate in Massachusetts. An award winning attorney, Marisa has been a steadfast advocate for human rights. A champion for progressive values, Marisa DeFranco is the Democrats' best hope to defeat Scott Brown.