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**FORMER U.S. SENATOR GARY HART ENDORSES ALAN KHAZEI, CITES LEADERSHIP ON
CLIMATE CHANGE, NATIONAL SECURITY**

PAIR WILL CAMPAIGN TOMORROW TO DISCUSS CLIMATE CHANGE AS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE

BOSTON – Former U.S. Senator and national security expert Gary Hart declares his support for City Year Co-Founder and candidate for U.S. Senate Alan Khazei. Senator Hart is scheduled to join Khazei on the campaign trail this Thursday to discuss global climate change as a national security issue.

“Global climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. This is not just an environmental issue—it is a national security issue. As our climate changes across the globe, there will be droughts, deforestation, melting glaciers, rising sea levels and desertification. We need to take the lead on climate change legislation and clean energy production and that is why I am proud to support Alan Khazei for U.S. Senate. He refuses PAC and lobbyist money and offers new ideas with a fresh approach to Washington. Alan will be able to work with Senator Kerry to move climate legislation through the Congress without being beholden to the special interests—he will be beholden only to the citizens of Massachusetts,” Senator Hart said in a statement to the Khazei campaign.

Khazei stated, “I am honored to have the support of such an important leader on national security. Senator Hart is a longtime friend and I am looking forward to having him join me on the campaign trail this Thursday to discuss climate change and national security, as the Senate is taking up energy and climate legislation. This summer the House passed Congressman Markey's version and with Senator Kerry's leadership the Senate is acting now. I want to join our Massachusetts leaders in standing up to the big polluters and their lobbyists as they try to water down climate change legislation.”

Khazei went on to say, “This is not an isolated issue, it affects all of us. Climate change has dramatic effects on our environment, our economy, our energy policy and our national security. Massachusetts should be the leader for innovation in the clean energy economy as we are leading in wind, solar, and bio-fuel technologies. Our public servants, our business leaders, and our citizens all need to stand up behind great leaders like Senator Kerry and Congressman Markey on this issue.”

Khazei and Senator Hart will tour the Boston area before making a stop to discuss the issue of climate change as it relates to national security at the Fletcher School at Tufts University from 2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.

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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.

MEDIA ADVISORY

ALAN KHAZEI TO CAMPAIGN WITH FORMER U.S. SENATOR GARY HART TOMORROW, THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2009

BOSTON – Former U.S. Senator Gary Hart to campaign with Alan Khazei to discuss global climate change as a national security issue.

(OPEN PRESS EVENTS FOR TOMORROW, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009)

Khazei and Hart to Discuss Global Climate Change as a National Security Issue

LOCATION: The Fletcher School, a Graduate School of International Affairs at Tufts University

WHEN: Thursday October 29, 2009
2:30p.m. - 3:30p.m.

NOTE: In Cabot Hall, Room 702

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