

## Murphy Statement on Passing of Senator Kennedy

Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) released the following statement on the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

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NEW BRITAIN, CT - Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) released the following statement on the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

"Senator Kennedy was an inspiration to generations of young people to get involved in government for one simple reason - to help those who needed it most. I am an example of the thousands of young men and women who were drawn to public service through the example of Ted Kennedy.

"Growing up in Connecticut, I equated the Kennedy name with public service. Whether it was fighting for those in poverty through no fault of their own, or helping people who suffer from a mental illness get the treatment they need, Senator Kennedy was their relentless champion. His principled advocacy for the ideas he believed in never wavered, no matter how the fickle winds of politics shifted during his many years of service.

"When I was fortunate enough to meet Senator Kennedy a few years ago, I felt as if I was in the presence of a legend. Now, as we renew the fight for that great cause of Senator's Kennedy's life, health care reform, we owe it to him to accomplish it in a manner befitting his legacy - through compromise, civility and with the ultimate goal of providing a fairer and more just health care system for all Americans.

"With a heavy heart, I send my deepest condolences, prayers and thoughts to the Kennedy family during this time."

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