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Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO), issued the following statement regarding Senator Elect Brown's victory in Massachusetts:

"Senator Elect Brown's success in Massachusetts follows a landslide victory for Republicans in Virginia and conservative Doug Hoffman's narrow loss in New York. These races indicate that the liberal majority is out of touch with the priorities of average Americans.

"This stunning victory underscores that Nancy Pelosi and the Democratic Party continue to misinterpret the priority of American families as they push policies that put government bureaucrats in charge of healthcare, stifle economic growth, and increase American dependence on foreign energy sources.

"The people of Massachusetts chose a candidate who took clear positions on today's top issues. Brown pledged to vote against a government takeover of healthcare. He fought higher taxes and wasteful spending in the state legislature while promoting free enterprise. He opposes "cap and tax" while supporting alternative energy development.

"Americans are tired of partisan politics. It's time for an open and honest debate on these and other important issues. I look forward to working with Senator Brown to make sure that debate happens."