

## **MA election's impact on Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

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Congress has a 41st Republican senator, but Lindsey Graham (R-SC) is challenging that notion. Yes, Graham does gain a new Republican colleague on Capitol Hill very soon (Senator-elect Scott Brown, of Massachusetts). In response to that, though, Graham [announced](#) [1] on Friday his “willingness to tackle tough issues, including immigration” by breaking from partisan politics and finding a way to cooperate with the Democrats.

Of the Senator’s announcement, Immigration Impact’s Travis Packer quoted Graham as saying:

“Is the message that Democrats shouldn’t take on anything controversial and is the message that we should not work with them on anything controversial? ... How much risk aversion does it create in the United States Senate to deal with tough issues like energy independence, climate change and immigration? ... I hope that’s not the message. It’s not the message to me. The real reason we’re all here is to govern the country and do hard things.”

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