

# Special Statement from Stan

September 8, 2011

Hello,

Each year, more than a million Americans are diagnosed with some form of cancer.

Earlier this week, I became one of them.

My particular cancer, squamous cell carcinoma, a common cancer, was discovered during a routine procedure and is in the earliest stages of development. My oncology team has told me that, because the cancer was detected early, that it is highly curable. That will be my focus during the next several weeks as I undergo radiation and chemotherapy treatments.



I understand the personal challenge that lies ahead. I also understand that the millions of Americans who are affected by this disease, either directly or indirectly, meet this same challenge with courage, dignity, and a lot of help from their friends. I am confident that with the expertise of my doctors, and the support of my family and friends, and my partner Bryon, that I will make a rapid and complete recovery.

So, if you don't see me during the next few weeks having breakfast in Amherst, shopping in downtown Northampton and Greenfield, walking the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls, drinking tea at McCusker's Market in Buckland, or lunching at your senior center, not to worry. My staff and I will continue providing the same level of service my constituents have come to expect.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan".

