

Taking Action in Massachusetts

2014 Legislative and Advocacy Agenda



Leading the Way to a Better Massachusetts

We support:

- ✓ **Election Reform:** Early voting, online voter registration, teen pre-registration, no-excuse absentee voting.
- ✓ **Money and Politics:** Full and timely disclosure for campaign contributions and rules on corporate campaign spending. Reducing the impact of money on our political system at every level.
- ✓ **Public financing for campaigns:** Restoring the “clean election” system the voters chose in 1998 and the legislature repealed in 2003.
- ✓ **Environment:** Bottle deposits for non-carbonated beverages to reduce litter and boost recycling. A carbon tax to encourage use of less-polluting fuels. Rules for disposal of electronic products and use of certain toxic chemicals.
- ✓ **Gun safety:** Even stronger gun laws in Massachusetts, including universal background checks for every purchase.
- ✓ **Civic Education:** Emphasis on civics in middle and high schools. Involvement of teens in government.
- ✓ **Fiscal Policy:** A more progressive, graduated state income tax.
- ✓ **Civic engagement:** Restoring civility in public discourse.
- ✓ **Basic Human Needs:** Training and education programs to help families get off of welfare.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Adequate funding for infrastructure and alternatives to auto travel.
- ✓ **Health Care:** Measures to improve access and care and to reduce costs, including continued study of a single-payer health care option.
- ✓ **Women’s Reproductive Rights:** Protecting a woman's right to choose and to safely exercise that right. Joined an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court to keep a buffer zone around abortion clinics.
- ✓ **Transparency:** Compliance with the Open Meeting law and recommending that the legislature be subject to that law.

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