



Taking Action in Massachusetts

2015 Legislative and Advocacy Agenda



Leading the Way to a Better Commonwealth

- ✓ **Elections and Voting:** Support early voting in statewide elections, option for early voting in local elections, Election Day registration, and measures to increase voter turnout.
- ✓ **Money and Politics:** Favor full and timely disclosure of campaign contributions, rules on corporate campaign spending, and reducing the impact of money on our political system at every level.
- ✓ **Public Financing for Campaigns:** Endorse restoring the “clean election” system the voters chose in 1998 and the legislature repealed in 2003.
- ✓ **Climate Change:** Back a carbon tax to encourage use of less-polluting fuels.
- ✓ **Environment:** Endorse rules for disposal of electronic products and for the use of certain toxic chemicals; measures to increase recycling.
- ✓ **Economic Inequality:** Explore and educate on the issues of economic inequality.
- ✓ **Gun Safety:** Advocate for effective implementation of Massachusetts gun laws.
- ✓ **Fiscal Policy:** Back a more progressive, graduated state income tax.
- ✓ **Civic Education:** Favor greater emphasis on civics in middle and high schools and involvement of teens in government.
- ✓ **Civic Engagement:** Support restoring civility in public discourse and encouraging citizen participation in government at all levels.
- ✓ **Basic Human Needs:** Support training and education programs to help people get off of welfare.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Favor adequate funding for infrastructure and alternatives to auto travel.
- ✓ **Health Care:** Endorse measures to improve access and care and to reduce costs, including continued support of a single-payer health care option.
- ✓ **Women’s Issues:** Support a woman's right to choose and to safely exercise that right. Advocate for gender equality in wages, insurance and other areas.
- ✓ **Transparency:** Back compliance with the Open Meeting law and recommend that the legislature be subject to that law.

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