



Taking Action in Massachusetts

2017 Legislative and Advocacy Agenda



Leading the Way to a Better Commonwealth

- ✓ **Elections and Voting:** Support automatic voter registration, expanded early voting, Election Day registration, and steps 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.
- ✓ **Public Financing for Campaigns:** Endorse restoring the “clean election” system the voters chose in 1998.
- ✓ **Climate Change:** Back efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, and through an accelerated transition to clean, renewable energy.
- ✓ **Environment:** Endorse rules for disposal of electronic products and for the use of certain toxic chemicals; measures to increase recycling.
- ✓ **Economic Inequality:** Support efforts to bring economic prosperity to all groups, such as pay equity and earned income tax credit.
- ✓ **Gun Safety:** Advocate for efforts to reduce gun violence.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Favor adequate funding for infrastructure and alternatives to car travel.
- ✓ **Criminal Justice:** Support reform of the criminal justice system, including eliminating mandatory minimum sentences and increasing felony larceny thresholds.
- ✓ **Transparency:** Back compliance with new Open Meeting law and recommend that the legislature be subject to that law.
- ✓ **Women’s Issues:** Support a woman's right to choose. Advocate for gender equality in wages, insurance, and other areas.
- ✓ **Immigration:** Support higher education opportunities for undocumented youth and programs for immigrants and naturalized citizens to become engaged in civic life.
- ✓ **Health Care:** Endorse measures to improve access and care and to reduce costs.
- ✓ **Basic Human Needs:** Support training and programs to help people get off of welfare.
- ✓ **Civic Engagement:** Support restoring civility in public discourse and encouraging citizen participation in government at all levels.
- ✓ **Civic Education:** Favor greater emphasis on civics in middle and high schools and involvement of teens in government.

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