

Taking Action in Massachusetts 2021-22 Legislative Advocacy Agenda



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- ✓ **Elections and Voting:** Advocate for the VOTES Act to make expanded mail and early in-person voting permanent and enact same day voter registration.
- ✓ **Climate Change:** Back local, state, and regional efforts to transition to clean, renewable energy by 2035 and clean heating and transportation by 2045.
- ✓ **Education:** Support affordable and accessible early education and childcare and higher education funding. Support anti-racism, equity and justice in education.
- ✓ **Civics Education:** Support funding for the civics education law.
- ✓ **Basic Human Needs:** Advocate for social programs that promote self-sufficiency, reduce poverty, and provide for food and housing, including right to counsel and record sealing in eviction cases. Support child safety initiatives and domestic violence prevention, including raising age for marriage to 18.
- ✓ **Criminal Justice:** Support parole, solitary confinement and juvenile justice reforms and the implementation of reforms already passed.
- ✓ **Environment:** Protect water resources. Endorse rules for disposal of electronic products and the use of certain toxic chemicals. Update bottle bill.
- ✓ **Gun Safety:** Advocate for efforts to track illegal guns and ban 3D-printed guns and “ghost” guns.
- ✓ **Good Governance:** Protect privacy rights from electronic intrusion. Oppose Article V U.S. Constitutional Convention.
- ✓ **Health Care:** Support single-payer health care system and tax credit for family caregivers. Improve local public health systems and data collection on immunizations.
- ✓ **Immigration:** Support Safe Communities Act and drivers’ licenses regardless of immigration status.
- ✓ **Racial Justice:** Reform hate crime laws, develop alternative emergency response programs, support fair wages for agricultural workers.
- ✓ **Transportation:** Favor adequate funding for infrastructure, alternatives to car travel, and electrification of vehicles. Support regional transportation ballot initiatives and comprehensive legislation to improve Massachusetts’ transportation system
- ✓ **Women’s Issues:** Advocate for gender equality on boards and commissions, and strengthen anti-harassment laws. Support women’s reproductive health measures and accurate sex education in schools.

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