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I. About You

1. Why are you running for office?

I'm running because I believe everyone throughout Massachusetts should have the opportunity to build a better future – not just a chosen few born in the right zip code, with the right name, or with the right connections. As Lieutenant Governor, I'll use my experience working in the innovation economy and developing public-private partnerships to build on Governor Patrick's legacy of strengthening the Commonwealth's biotech, bio pharmaceuticals, and information technology industries. My work to expand the Commonwealth's life sciences sector in the private and public sectors will be vital to keeping Massachusetts competitive in a global playing field.

This means not only continuing the Patrick administration's work to modernize our roads, rails, and broadband access to grow businesses, but working with our universities, community colleges, and vocational schools to ensure we have the well-trained workforce that allow businesses to thrive going forward.

As a child of immigrants, I know the transformative power a strong education and secure employment have on our children's ability to achieve their full potential. I understand the importance of ensuring that we protect our workers by ensuring that they have access to paid sick time, comprehensive healthcare, and job protections. As Lieutenant Governor, I will leverage partnerships with emerging industries in Massachusetts to make sure that everyone – regardless of race, gender, sexual identity, hometown, or educational background - has access to a modern job and a living wage – not just for the economy we have now, but in the economy we will build for the future.

2. What prepares you to serve in this capacity?

My experience in the private and public sectors makes me the most qualified candidate for this office. Throughout my tenure on the Cambridge City Council, I've amassed an extensive record of both votes on the floor and actions in the community geared at furthering progressive policies and values. I've learned first hand what it takes to run a city and ensure that services are delivered to every resident. I know the day-to-day challenges of municipal government and understand how decisions made on Beacon Hill will impact all 351 cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

As a Cambridge City Councilor, I've fought for expanded pre-k programs and universal junior kindergarten. I've stood shoulder to shoulder with working men and women of Cambridge, marching with clerical workers at Harvard University to urge the administration to provide comprehensive healthcare benefits and competitive wages. I've stood up to large companies to protect the jobs of janitorial workers and held developers' feet to the fire to make sure they hired contractors that abide by community standards. I've strengthened services that support our homeless population, increase affordable housing opportunities, and connect immigrant communities to municipal resources.

Prior to joining the Council, I worked in venture capital where I invested in fledgling companies in Massachusetts in fields ranging from clean energy to information technology to mobile communications to

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life science applications. Though these projects were in different fields with different purposes, they had one thing in common: they helped create jobs and strengthened our economy.

3. What do you think is the proper role of government in Massachusetts residents' daily lives?

I believe that the proper goal of government is to expand access to opportunity, catch people when they fall, and to help us invest in our collective future. Governments should deliver services and resources that people need – not just to survive, but to better their lives and the lives of the next generation. Government has a responsibility to create a level playing field where there otherwise would not be one; to incentivize the private sector towards serving the greater good of the public; and to touch the life of every citizen, every day. Government should provide safe and modern modes of transportation for every commuter whether it be via ferry, bike share program, a commuter rail car or in the carpool lane. Government should give every child the tools they need to grow and thrive by ensuring that they have healthy food to eat, safe parks with clean air, and engaging classrooms led by nurturing and qualified teachers. Our government needs to shape the direction of our economy to continue our investment in green jobs and clean technology. Our government needs to take a daily role in improving the lives of every person who doesn't have a roof over their head or a meal in their stomach; every disabled person who needs an advocate; and every unemployed worker who has the determination and drive to retrain themselves for today's job market. Government should have a positive impact on every aspect of our lives every day.

4. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?

If elected as Lieutenant Governor, my top three goals will be to re-evaluate our education priorities, expand our state's innovation economy and close the income inequality gap. Our innovation economy has been the backbone of the Massachusetts economy and carried us through the economic recession and I know that it is our economic future. We must continue to invest in biotech, green jobs and precision manufacturing. Our future is in making sure that we have the statewide infrastructure to grow our innovation economy past Kendall Square and I-95 to the rest of the state and then making sure we have the well-educated workforce to meet its needs. Our state needs to reevaluate our approach to education. The achievement gaps that we see in our children only widen with age, so we need to make sure that every child has access to pre-k education. The earlier we invest in our children the greater the return and the more prepared they will be. We must also make changes to the Commonwealth's education system for students and workers whose path does not take them from high school to college. We need to invest in our state and community colleges and vocational technical schools to make sure that someone with a two-year certification has as many job opportunities as someone with a four-year degree. The final priority, closing our state's income inequality gap, relies on growing our innovation economy and shaping our state's education programs to support it, but it also relies on making sure that every worker is paid a living wage. We can provide the education and training and to make employment a reality for every worker in Massachusetts but that is only half the battle. We need to make sure that the minimum wage is raised to a living wage and that there are safeguards and reforms are in place so that housing, education and unexpected medical costs do not wipe out a lifetime of saving in one fell swoop. These are the things we must work on together and they will be my top priority as Lieutenant Governor.

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II. The Issues

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Our questionnaire is focused on economic justice and inequality, as outlined in our Shared Prosperity Agenda (forthcoming). We are interested in your overall philosophy and approach to the components of the Shared Prosperity Agenda, as well as your views on specific policy and legislation.

In each section, Question 1 seeks your overall view, values, principles and priorities. You do not need to address each item embedded in these first questions; they are suggestions.

In each section, Question 2 asks about your advocacy experience; you may leave it blank if appropriate—we do not expect candidates to have a record on every issue. Current or former elected officials: please outline your leadership roles, as opposed to simply your voting record.

Additional questions seek your position on specific policies and legislation. At a minimum, please answer “yes” or “no”; you may also provide an explanation of your positions, as appropriate.

A. Job Growth and the Economy

The Massachusetts economy has continued to grow and recover from the Great Recession, but the gains have not been shared equally. Poverty levels continue to increase, while the minimum wage loses value every year. Massachusetts now ranks 8th in the nation for income inequality.

1. Share your personal values and principles on job growth and the economy.

How can we improve the economy and economic security for all people? How do we grow the number of good paying jobs in the Commonwealth? How do you view wealth and income inequality, and what would you do about it, if anything?

The economy in Massachusetts has fared much better than the rest of the country because Governor Patrick has made the right investments in education, infrastructure and the innovation economy. These are the same investments we must continue to make and spread throughout the Commonwealth. We need our government to shape the type of economy we want to have. If we want to remain a leader in clean energy, bio-tech and life sciences, we need to make sure our government is investing and educating our workforce in those fields. I will work to partner businesses with local stakeholders such as non-profits, high schools, colleges and vocational programs to make sure we are training our workforce for the jobs that are needed now and in the future. Income inequality is so prevalent in Massachusetts because our innovation economy, the engine of our economic success, is in too few places and caters to too small a portion of our workforce. Closing the income inequality gap and improving the Massachusetts economy relies on making sure that we create the right environment for businesses to grow and that we provide our workforce with the right tools to succeed. We must ensure that all workers have access to stable employment, a living wage, comprehensive benefits, and worker protections such as paid sick leave. We also must update and expand our road, rail, port, and broadband infrastructure to support the innovation economy in places beyond Greater Boston where economic development is lagging and jobs are needed most.

2. *Optional/As Applicable:* Please indicate work you personally have done to advance your principles on job growth and the economy (legislation, community work, published writings, etc).

During my time in office, I have been proud to lead several initiatives to pave the way for local economic growth with a focus on creating and sustaining jobs. I have worked to make Cambridge more business-friendly and worker-friendly by reevaluating out-of-date laws that hinder business growth, advocating for protections that ensure workers are treated with dignity and respect, and encouraging partnerships between private businesses and City Hall. Some of my accomplishments include:

- * leading a reform to ensure that Cambridge's taxpayer money be stored in local banks as opposed to an overseas bank by changing the RFP process;
- * protecting local Kendall Square start-ups by pioneering a historic zoning change that requires all new large-scale development to set aside 10 percent of all new space for startup companies to promote innovation and entrepreneurship;
- * passing a policy resolution urging the Massachusetts delegation to raise the minimum wage without compromising unemployment insurance;
- * standing shoulder to shoulder with the working men and women of Cambridge to advocate for job security, comprehensive benefits and collective bargaining;
- * steadfastly fighting against institutions that have tried to dismantle unions, circumvent labor agreements, or unnecessarily lay off employees;
- * protecting locally-owned and independently-operated businesses as a vocal advocate against burdensome City licensing fees and working with City staff to reevaluate archaic laws that hinder business growth; and
- * creating a public-private-academic partnership for the Entrepreneur Walk of Fame to celebrate entrepreneurship and encourage job creation in Cambridge.

3. Minimum Wage. Do you support:

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| Raising the wage to at least \$10.50/hour: | Yes |
| Indexing automatic yearly increases to inflation: | Yes |
| Increasing tipped wages to 60% of the minimum wage: | Yes |

4. Unemployment Insurance and Minimum Wage. As of January 2014, the legislature is negotiating a bill that would pair an increase in the minimum wage with cuts to unemployment insurance. Do you oppose this effort?

Yes

5. Earned Sick Time. Do you support requiring businesses with more than 11 employees to provide earned, paid sick time to their employees?

Yes

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- 6. Job Creation and Standards. A “Job Creation and Quality Standards Act” would require corporations that receive any kind of public benefits (grants, tax expenditures procurement contracts) to, in turn, pay a living wage (\$15 per hour plus benefits) to full-time employees. Do you support such legislation?**

Yes

- 7. Employee-Owned Businesses. Do you support legislation to foster and develop employee ownership of businesses in Massachusetts?**

Yes

- 8. Co-ops, Benefit Corporations, Community Banks. Do you support legislation that would encourage the formation of cooperatives and/or benefit corporations and the development of community banks?**

Yes

B. Education and Workforce Development

Public education has always been a gateway to opportunity and mobility for all, regardless of economic circumstances, a cornerstone of the American dream for all residents. However, the soaring price of higher education over the last several decades has made access to this opportunity increasingly out of reach, at the very moment when higher education makes a greater difference to one's economic future. Meanwhile, powerful corporate interests have been steadily undermining public school teachers and unions and siphoning money from our public K-12 system.

1. Please share your personal values and principles regarding public education and workforce training.

What value does public education and workforce development have in improving our economy as well as in addressing matters of economic justice? What measures should the Commonwealth take on these issues? You might address, for example, charter schools, school vouchers, standardized testing and federal programs like No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top.

I feel strongly that the primary responsibility of society is to educate the next generation. This education should be affordable and accessible to all if it is to enable the social mobility and economic independence necessary to afford everyone access to the American Dream. Every child in Massachusetts should have access to a quality education – one that doesn't just focus on standardized testing, but is multifaceted and encourages exploration of different subjects, fields and interests. A quality education also encourages parental involvement, celebrates different backgrounds and perspectives, and develops an environment of trust and inclusion. To achieve this goal, we must ensure that we provide adequate funding to school districts and provide both teachers and students with the resources they need to excel inside and outside of the classroom.

I also believe we must be cognizant that essential training doesn't end when an individual graduates and begins their career. As our economy changes and evolves, it is imperative that we ensure that all of our workers have the tools they need to keep up with it. Not all of this training is provided by the public sector, but it is our duty to ensure that any individual has the option to continue their education and learn new skills if they have the drive to do so. The future of our economy depends on it.

2. *Optional/As Applicable:* Please indicate work you personally have done to advance your principles on education and workforce development (legislation, community work, published writings, etc).

In Cambridge, the City Council doesn't prescribe school policy, but we do control the budget. Throughout my tenure on the Council, I have refused to simply 'rubber stamp' the school budget as usual, instead calling on Cambridge's school administration and School Committee to develop a data-driven plan for excellence to ensure all Cambridge Public School graduates have the tools they need to graduate and prosper in an increasingly competitive world. I've called on the Superintendent to implement ideas including universal pre-k, an extended school day, an Office of College Success, increased professional development programs for teachers, broader world language offerings and expanded wraparound services.

3. Achievement gaps. What would you do to address persistent racial and economic achievement gaps in education?

Time and time again, research has shown that youngsters who participate in a high-quality preschool program demonstrate significantly higher levels of academic achievement, more socially responsible behavior, and make 42 percent higher wages. I believe that by giving *all* children a head start on strengthening cognitive abilities and school-appropriate behavior, we provide everyone - not just those born in the right zip code, with the right last name, or with the right connections - the opportunity to start from a level playing field. As Lieutenant Governor, I will be a vocal advocate on expanding universal pre-k throughout the Commonwealth to ensure all kids have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

4. Universal Pre-K. Do you support creating universal, free Pre-K, accessible to any resident of Massachusetts, integrated into the public school system?

Yes

5. Universal higher education. Do you support a program that provides free, publicly funded higher education for every student who wants it?

Yes

6. Funding Structure. Do you support changes to the Chapter 70 Education formula, including the Foundation Budget, to incorporate proper state funding for ELL students, Special Education students, transportation costs, charter school reimbursements to sending schools, and class size reduction?

Yes

C. Health Care

Massachusetts has led the way in providing near universal health care insurance coverage. However, we still spend an oversized portion of public and private money on health care, without necessarily achieving better health outcomes.

- 1. Please share your personal values and principles regarding health care insurance, delivery and outcomes.**

Massachusetts has been a national leader in health care reform and we should be proud that we have the highest percentage of covered citizens in the United States but there is more work to be done to lower the staggering costs that come with this coverage. We need government to take a substantive role in regulating the cost and quality of our healthcare so that it is available and affordable to everyone. I believe in a single payer healthcare system where there is a universal standard set in the quality and price of our care. There are countless examples of effective single payer systems throughout the world and I truly believe that we must move in that direction if we want to have universal coverage that provides the level of care that every single American deserves. I believe that health care is a right. Every man woman and child should have access to the highest quality of care at any time, not just when they need it most and when emergency costs are passed onto the taxpayers. There is a smarter, better way that achieves all of our needs and government needs to play its part in getting us there.

- 2. *Optional/As Applicable:* Please indicate work you personally have done to advance your principles on health care (legislation, community work, published writings, etc).**

- 3. Single Payer and Public Option. Do you support moving Massachusetts to Single Payer insurance?**

Yes

What role might a Public Option play, in your view?

Developing a public option is an important first step in ensuring that everyone throughout the Commonwealth has access to an affordable, quality system of coordinated care. Developing a public option will serve as a stabilizing force to regulate our health care market and ensures that insurers are no longer to charge astronomical premiums based on your income bracket and the zip code in which you live. However, developing a public option does not ensure that everyone who will one day need access to comprehensive health care has it as a basic right - it merely levels the playing field for those choosing to partake in the system. Ultimately, I support a single payer system that guarantees that everyone throughout the Commonwealth has the opportunity to live a healthy life.

- 4. Costs and Quality. What steps would you take to lower health care costs while maintaining or improving health outcomes?**

I know that a single payer health care system will decrease health care costs while improving access to preventative care and early intervention mechanisms. A single payer

system would cut costs by reducing unnecessary overhead across the board, whether it be provider overhead by eliminating the need for a billing department to determine which forms get sent to which insurance company, regulatory overhead by eliminating the need to determine who is complying with the law by subscribing to a health care plan, and insurance overhead that is aggrandized from marketing costs. A single payer system also eliminates the middleman in all health care transactions, making it easier to control costs paid by the consumer, and standardizes payment for care to ensure that you pay the same price for a treatment in Boston that you would pay for a treatment in Springfield.

5. Mental Health. What steps would you take to address the gap in affordable mental health services?

Throughout the past year, the Commonwealth and the nation have taken great strides to address the gap in affordable mental health services following the issuance of President Obama's fall 2013 regulation that all insurers must provide similar coverage for people with mental and physical health problems. As the state's Department of Insurance begins to collect thorough reports detailing the intricacies of how insurers approve or deny coverage for mental vs. physical health services, it is essential that we monitor this information to make informed policy decisions as to how our regulations can be refined in the future.

6. Health disparities. What steps would you take to reduce racial and income disparities in health outcomes?

Reducing racial and income disparities in health outcomes is a challenge that requires a multi-faceted approach that encompasses strong community-based outreach programs, increasing funding to facilities that primarily provide care to individuals from underserved populations, and reducing healthcare costs. I believe that challenges in health outcomes can be largely addressed by eliminating challenges pertaining to access. We must make sure that everyone throughout the Commonwealth has access to a primary care physician in their community that can help provide critical preventative care measures and other essential health services. We must incentivize the growth of new facilities in underserved regions to put convenient, affordable and accessible at the fingertips of those who need it the most. We must make sure that our health care providers are able to communicate those who speak different languages, come from different cultural backgrounds, and have different understandings about the role that health care providers can play in promoting a more healthful future.

7. Standards of care and cost. Do you support establishing a state panel of experts (such as the Affordable Care Act's IPAB/"Independent Payment Advisory Board") to recommend high-value and cost-effective services?

Yes

8. Pharmaceutical companies. Do you support prohibiting pharmaceutical companies from including direct-to-consumer drug advertising as tax-deductible expense?

Yes

9. Bulk prescription programs. Do you support establishing a bulk prescription drug program that would provide lower cost prescription drugs for public employees?

Yes

Do you support establishing this same program for *all* Massachusetts residents?

Yes

D. Housing

In the last ten years, the need for affordable housing has increased, while funds for affordable housing have decreased, federal and state. Currently there is a 10-year waiting list for a rental voucher, and the average rent for a two bedroom apartment requires a wage 50% higher than the median Massachusetts wage. Half of families in Greater Boston alone pay over 30% of their income in housing and utilities costs—and 25% of households pay *more than half* their income to housing. This is unsustainable. It has led to expanding economic inequality, increased homelessness, and damage to our economy, as talented workers often leave the state for less expensive regions.

- 1. Please share your personal values and principles regarding affordable housing. *How would you ensure that there is suitable housing for all who need it, within reasonable distance of job opportunities? How would you address the need to link housing, jobs and transportation? How would you tackle homelessness?***

I believe that affordable housing is a necessity and must be an available and integrated part of each and every community. Housing costs are the highest monthly expense for most people throughout the Commonwealth and stabilizing that expense through affordable housing one of the most effective ways to create a stable living environment for families and seniors. No one should ever have to forgo food, healthcare or furthering their education because of their housing costs. We need more affordable housing throughout Massachusetts, in every community - not just urban centers. Once we establish suitable affordable housing, we need to pair it with access to public transportation so that people can seek out the social services and employment opportunities that are best for them.

- 2. *Optional/As Applicable:* Please indicate work you personally have done to advance your principles on housing (legislation, community work, published writings, etc).**

During my time in office, I have prioritized reducing the foreclosure rate, stabilizing the housing market, and increasing the amount of affordable housing available throughout our City by:

- * advocating for increasing inclusionary zoning standards by ordering the City administration to undergo Nexus studies and staunchly supporting the preservation of 40B;
- * vocally supporting increased affordable housing options without clustering;
- * voting against proposals that would have limited the amount of CPA funding allocated to the Affordable Housing Trust from 80 to 70 percent;
- calling for increased transitional housing to empower Cambridge's homeless population to obtain stable shelter and employment options;
- *being unwaveringly insistent in all large-scale development that securing large mitigation funds and preserving affordable housing units is a non-negotiable part of all agreements; and
- * organizing a forum focused on future housing needs for senior citizens and called on a panel of housing experts to work towards solutions.

- 3. Housing Authorities. Governor Patrick has proposed consolidating the Housing Authorities to six regional authorities, from the current 242 authorities. The legislature appears reluctant to agree to this reform, in part because it would reduce local control. What is your position?**

As a municipal official, I have first-hand experience navigating the complexities of a local housing authority on behalf of my constituents and strongly support Governor Patrick's proposal to regionalize local authorities. With Cambridge's wait-list for public housing spanning over a ten year wait time, I believe that it is essential to take the necessary measures that would hasten the turnover time of vacant units and centralize waiting lists so that applicants and their families only have to apply once. Furthermore, Governor Patrick's plan would ultimately allow local authorities to implement necessary infrastructure improvements and enhance the quality of programs and services offered to residents.

- 4. Affordable Housing. What would you do to increase the number of affordable housing units in the State? What would you do to ensure that no low-income family has to spend more than 50% of their income on housing and related expenses; and that fewer than a quarter of families spending more than 33% of income on shelter?**

I will advocate to ensure that cities, towns and developers have the proper incentives to increase local affordable housing stocks. We need to increase the ties in affordable housing costs to the minimum wage and to the poverty level as well as local property values. We also need to make sure that Massachusetts moves back into a "housing first" model so that more families can stay where they live, work and learn and not worry about the costly and unstable environment that comes with emergency shelters.

- 5. Temporary Housing Transitions. What would you do to move homeless families and individuals out of motels and shelters and into permanent housing?**

Access to transitional housing program is a crucial component for individuals and families to lift themselves out of homelessness. The instability of living in a shelter makes it incredibly difficult for homeless individuals to obtain and maintain stable employment, with many individuals lacking safe space to store their personal belongings, constantly worrying about whether or not they will have a bed in the shelter, or being restricted to the stringent hours of shelters that lack daytime programs. Transitional housing provides homeless individuals with the safety, stability, and wraparound services that are crucial to good employment, health, and self-esteem, but there is drastic shortage of transitional housing opportunities in Massachusetts. I will call for increased development of transitional and affordable housing programs throughout the Commonwealth. We must also be proactive in stopping homelessness before it takes a hold on a family by moving back to a "housing first" model. Offering rent assistance to families in need keeps them in the stable environment where they live, work and learn and cost the state pennies on the dollar in comparison to the price of temporary housing through emergency shelters or motels.

- 6. Regulation Reform, Development and Preservation. Would you support reforms to update our outmoded zoning, subdivision, and planning laws, in such a way as to encourage balanced development and land preservation?**

Yes

E. Revenue and Taxation

Because of income tax cuts and the effects of the recession, Massachusetts has lost nearly \$3 billion in revenue over the last 12 years. We now collect less revenue than 21 other states, and our tax revenue is below the national average. Since 1982, local aid has dropped 58%. Cuts to the moderately progressive state income tax has meant increasing reliance on fees, sales, gas and property taxes, exacerbating the overall regressiveness of our revenue. Regressive taxation strains low- and middle-income families, and reduced revenue collection curtails our ability to invest in vital infrastructure.

What principles do you bring to considerations of state revenue and tax reform (individual and corporate)? *How should we raise more revenue to adequately fund our communities for the future?*

I believe that taxes are the costs of liberty, justice, and opportunity. I believe in the common good; I believe in a government that expands access to opportunity and catches people when they fall; I believe that investment in our collective future is investment in our own children's future. Taxes are what make all of the above possible. And inequality in outcome must be progressively taxed if we believe in creating equal opportunity for subsequent generations. We must ask all to pay their fair share because we all benefit from the bountiful majesty that is the Commonwealth. Relying primarily on the sales tax and other regressive taxation measures that charge everyone the same amount regardless of income places a large burden on low- and middle-income families because the tax consumes a disproportionate amount of their earnings. I support moderate increases to income taxes that allow everyone to shoulder a manageable portion of the cost of investing in our collective future. I believe that expanding Massachusetts' legacy in emerging STEM industries will further enable Massachusetts to raise more revenue to give our communities they need to grow and thrive.

- 1. *Optional/As Applicable:* Please indicate work you personally have done to advance your principles on revenue and taxation (legislation, community work, published writings, etc).**
- 2. Tax Rates for Upper Incomes. Do you support increasing income taxes on the wealthiest residents of Massachusetts?**
Yes
- 3. Automatic Tax Decrease Triggers. Do you support halting the automatic decrease in state tax when Massachusetts state revenues grow four quarters in a row?**
Yes
- 4. Capital Gains. Do you support increasing the capital gains tax (with safeguards to protect seniors)?**
Yes

- 5. Progressive Taxation. “An Act to Invest in Our Communities” was designed to raise significant revenue while making our tax code more progressive, but it has not passed the legislature. Would you support a renewed effort to pass this or similar legislation?**

Yes

- 6. Corporate Tax Breaks. Do you support eliminating or substantially reducing corporate tax breaks?**

Yes

Do you support repealing or significantly reducing the Film Production Tax Credit?

Yes

- 7. Clawbacks and Transparency in Corporate Tax Breaks. Do you support increasing corporate tax break transparency and clawback provisions?**

Yes

- 8. Graduated Income Tax. Would you support a state constitutional amendment creating a Massachusetts progressive income tax?**

Yes

IV. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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Use this space to add any other issues important to your vision for Massachusetts or any other matter you think progressive voters should know about your candidacy.