



## PROGRESSIVE MASSACHUSETTS

Legislative Agenda 2017-18

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**For Legislator:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dear Legislator,*

**Progressive Mass** grassroots members believe the Commonwealth should and can be the national leader in creating a future where there is shared prosperity and truly justice for all.

The bills in the agenda would keeps Massachusetts moving forward in areas such as education, workers' rights, affordable housing, health care, civil rights, economic and racial equality, climate action, and voting access, while also fighting back against the troubling right-wing corporate agenda of President Trump and the Republican Congress.

We ask our representatives in the Legislature to ally with us as champions of these bold, progressive priorities to make our Commonwealth the beacon that it can, and should, be.

**PLEASE SUPPORT A BOLD 2017-18 PROGRESSIVE AGENDA, with your advocacy on our goals and your vigorous support for these bills, including co-sponsorship\*:**

- H.2365/S.1004:** An Act to improve the Commonwealth's economy with a strong minimum wage and a strong tipped minimum wage (Donahue-Donnelly)
- Citizen's Petition:** An Initiative Petition for an Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to Provide Resources for Education and Transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of One Million Dollars (Fair Share Amendment)
- H.2172/S.1048:** An Act establishing a paid family and medical leave insurance program (Gordon-Spilka)
- S.81:** An Act promoting housing and sustainable development (Chandler)
- H.2987/S.619:** An Act establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts (Garlick-Eldridge)
- S.223:** An Act modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st century (Chang-Diaz)
- H.633/S.681:** An Act making public higher education in Massachusetts free for residents of the state (Gentile) / An Act promoting access to debt-free public higher education (Eldridge)
- H.2308/S.791:** An Act for justice reinvestment (Keefe - Chang-Diaz)
- H.741/S.819:** An Act to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences related to drug offenses (Carvalho-Creem)
- H.3269/S.1305:** An Act to protect the civil rights and safety of all Massachusetts residents ("Safe Communities Act") (Matias-Eldridge)
- H.2359/S.777:** An Act to reduce the criminalization of poverty (Tyler-Brownsberger)
- H.536/S.499:** An Act relative to advancing contraceptive coverage and economic security in our state (ACCESS) (Haddad/Scibak-Chandler)
- H.2091/S.373:** An Act automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud (Kocot-Creem)
- S.1880** An Act creating 21st century Massachusetts clean energy jobs (Pacheco)
- H.2706/S.1864:** An Act relative to solar power and the green economy (Mark-Eldridge)
- H.3400/S.1847:** An Act clarifying authorities and responsibilities of the Department of Public Utilities (Kulik-Eldridge)
- H.1726/S.1821:** An Act to promote green infrastructure, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs (Benson) / An Act combating climate change (Barrett)

*\*More info on these bills appear on the following pages  
and at [ProgressiveMass.com/legislativeagenda](http://ProgressiveMass.com/legislativeagenda)*

**We look forward to learning about your position on these issues and actions on these bills.**

*Respectfully submitted by your constituents,*

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## Our Shared Prosperity Agenda

To advance a **Shared Prosperity** agenda, we need to raise the minimum wage, implement fair tax policy, create a truly universal health care system, guarantee paid family and medical leave, provide more affordable housing, better fund our public schools, and guarantee debt-free higher education for all.

♦♦ ***We ask for your advocacy on these goals, and your vigorous support of legislation that addresses these issues.***

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## All Means All - Agenda for Racial and Social Justice

To advance an **All Means All** agenda of racial and social justice, we need to reduce sentences for nonviolent crimes, invest in jobs instead of jails, end the criminalization of poverty in our justice system, protect the rights of immigrants, and ensure women's reproductive freedom.

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## Good Government / Strong Democracy

To advance a **Good Government / Strong Democracy** agenda, we need to reduce the hurdles to voter registration and make voting as convenient as possible, such as by enacting automatic voter registration.

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- H.2091/S.373:** An Act automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud (Kocot-Creem)

## Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

To advance a **Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment** agenda, we need to ramp up our state's plans for mitigating climate change, scale up solar power, prevent new fossil fuel infrastructure, and put a price on carbon emissions.

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♦♦ ***more detailed information on these bills -- and additional progressive legislation to support -- can be found at [progressivemass.com/legislativeagenda](http://progressivemass.com/legislativeagenda)***