
Ballot Questions – VOTE Nov 4

✗ No on Q1 – for safer roads & bridges.

Voting no keeps the gas tax indexed to inflation providing funds for repairing infrastructure. On bridges alone, 53% are now “structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.” Roads, bridges, and the T need to be repaired even when there’s inflation or the political winds shift.

✓ Yes on Q2 – for a better environment.

Update the Bottle Bill to include what we now drink – water, sports drinks, tea... We recycle 80% of beverage containers with deposits, but only 23% without deposits. Plastic is a resource when it’s recycled; it harms the environment forever when it’s not. Plastic bottles are 99% petroleum, so recycling decreases oil use. Towns and cities would save \$6.7 million per year in trash disposal costs; that’s why 209 have endorsed Yes-on-2.

✓ Yes on Q3 – to repeal the casino deal.

The house always wins - owners are the only real winners. Casinos’ business model depends on fostering addiction. The human costs and municipal costs are huge with increased crime, bankruptcy, and addiction. Local businesses and their jobs are lost. Forbes rated casino jobs as among the worst-paying in America while Moody’s rated the industry as “poor” because of oversaturation. There are other ways to revitalize!

✓ Yes on Q4 – for earned sick time.

Currently, one million workers in MA cannot earn sick time. Earned sick time improves employee retention and productivity. A healthier workforce is better for everyone. The new law would apply to businesses with 11 or more employees, and is part of a national effort.

Stands recommended by Progressive Mass, Progressive Democrats of MA, JP Progressives, Progressive Needham, Progressive Watertown
