



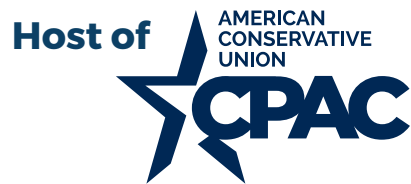
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RATINGS of MASSACHUSETTS 2020



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Massachusetts* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

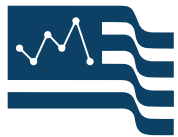
The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.



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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

1 since last year*

SENATE

n/a

2 since last year*

HOUSE

BERTHIAUME JR., DONALD

DOOLEY, SHAWN

DURANT, PETER

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

1 since last year*

SENATE

TRAN, DEAN

5 since last year*

HOUSE

BARROWS, F. JAY	HUNT, RANDY
DECOSTE, DAVID	SULLIVAN, ALYSON
GIFFORD, SUSAN	

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

3 since last year*

SENATE

Barrett, Michael	DiDomenico, Sal	Lewis, Jason
Boncore, Joseph	Eldridge, James	Lovely, Joan
Brady, Michael	Feeney, Paul	Montigny, Mark
Brownsberger, William	Finegold, Barry	Moran, Susan
Chandler, Harriette	Friedman, Cindy	Pacheco, Marc
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	Hinds, Adam	Rausch, Rebecca
Comerford, Joanne	Jehlen, Patricia	Rodrigues, Michael
Creem, Cynthia	Keenan, John	Timilty, Walter
Crighton, Brendan	Kennedy, Edward	Welch, James
Cyr, Julian	Lesser, Eric	

113 since last year*

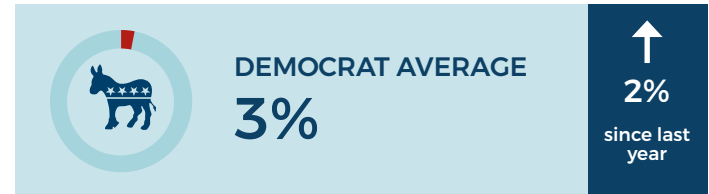
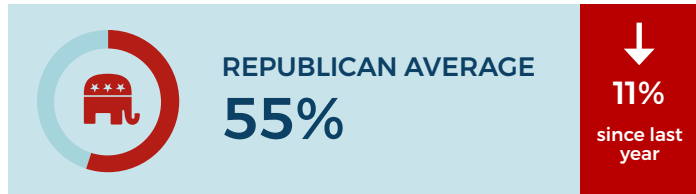
HOUSE

Barber, Christine	Farley-Bouvier, Tricia	Kearney, Patrick	Provost, Denise
Blais, Natalie	Fernandes, Dylan	Keefe, Mary	Robinson, Maria
Capano, Peter	Gentile, Carmine	LeBoeuf, David	Rogers, David
Carey, Daniel	Gouveia, Tami	Lewis, Jack	Sabadosa, Lindsay
Ciccolo, Michelle	Hay, Stephan	Linsky, David	Sena, Danillo
Connolly, Mike	Hecht, Jonathan	Madaro, Adrian	Tyler, Chynah
Decker, Marjorie	Hendricks, Christopher	Malia, Elizabeth	Ultrino, Steven
Doherty, Carol	Higgins, Natalie	Mark, Paul	Vega, Aaron
Domb, Mindy	Holmes, Russell	Nguyen, Tram	Vitolo, Tommy
Elugardo, Nika	Honan, Kevin	Peake, Sarah	

*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
 Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



MASSACHUSETTS SENATE STATISTICS

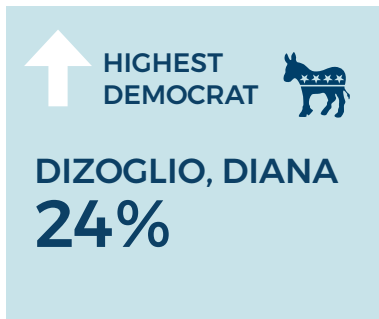
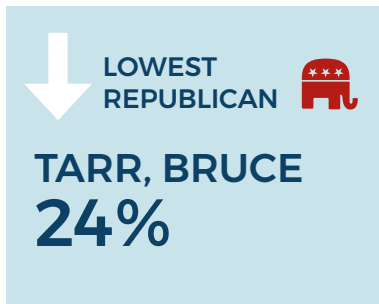
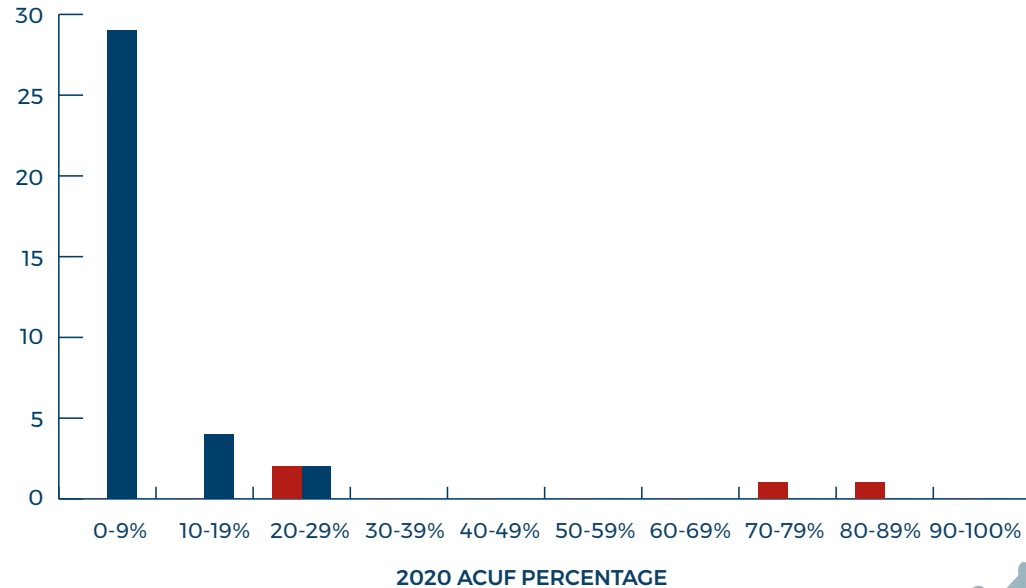


MASSACHUSETTS SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
4 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
36 TOTAL IN SENATE

OF STATE SENATORS





MASSACHUSETTS SENATE SCORES

MASSACHUSETTS SENATE VOTE DETAIL

			2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	SB 2476 (RC 172)	SB 2477 (Amd. 55, RC 170)	SB 2478 (RC 166)	SB 2500 (RC 171)	SB 2755 (Amd. 34, RC 198)	SB 2800 (RC 233)	HB 5151 (Tarr Amd., RC 286)	HB 5151 (DiZogilio Amd., RC 296)	HB 5164 (RC 395)	HB 5164 (RC 393)	HB 5164 (RC 335)	HB 5164 (RC 334)	HB 5164 (RC 332)	HB 5164 (RC 316)	HB 5164 (RC 443)	SB 5164 (RC 422)	HB 5179 (RC 372)	HB 5248 (RC 480)	
Party	Dist.																							
Barrett, Michael	D	Third Middlesex	0%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boncore, Joseph	D	First Suffolk and Middlesex	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brady, Michael	D	Second Plymouth and Bristol	0%	7%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brownsberger, William	D	Second Suffolk and Middlesex	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chandler, Harriette	D	First Worcester	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	D	Second Suffolk	0%	0%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collins, Nick	D	First Suffolk	11%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Comerford, Joanne	D	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creem, Cynthia	D	First Middlesex and Norfolk	0%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crighton, Brendan	D	Third Essex	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyr, Julian	D	Cape and Islands	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DiDomenico, Sal	D	Middlesex and Suffolk	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Rodrigues, Michael	D	First Bristol and Plymouth	0%	0%	8%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rush, Michael	D	Norfolk and Suffolk	11%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Spilka, Karen	D	Second Middlesex and Norfolk	n/a†	n/a	2%	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
TARR, BRUCE	R	First Essex and Middlesex	24%	47%	53%	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Timilty, Walter	D	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	6%	7%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
TRAN, DEAN	R	Worcester and Middlesex	89%	73%	64%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Velis, John	D	Second Hampden and Hampshire	21%	14%	17%	X	X	X	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Welch, James	D	Hampden	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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MASSACHUSETTS SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SB 2476 (RC 172) Advancing a Radical Climate Agenda Through State Electric Vehicle Procurement Mandates and Building Mandates.** This bill includes numerous new mandates concerning electric vehicles that unnecessarily drive-up taxpayer costs. Firstly, the bill mandates the procurement of electric and zero emission busses by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), as well as forces all state vehicle purchases starting in 2024 to be zero emission. Secondly, the bill provides \$1,500 subsidies to electric vehicle purchasers. Thirdly, the bill imposes a series of new construction mandates that require builders to include electric vehicle charging stations. ACU opposes these new mandates which unnecessarily drive up taxpayer and business costs in order to advance a radical leftist climate agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 35-2. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 2. SB 2477 (Amd. 55) Exposing the Cost of Leftist Environmental Regulations (RC 170).** The Tarr (ACUF Lifetime 53%) Amendment #55 to the “next-generation climate bill” would help expose the true cost of the Lefts radical climate initiatives. Specifically, the bill requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to submit with the promulgated regulations “a projected cost impact on consumers, state government, municipal government and school districts.” The report would include both implementation costs as well as the impact on energy prices. ACU recognizes the proposed climate initiative will have a devastating impact on economic growth and lead to skyrocketing prices and supports this measure to increase transparency and supported this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 7-30. (The underlying bill was reprinted as SB 2500.)
- 3. SB 2478 (RC 166) Driving up Business and Consumer Product Costs Through New Efficiency Mandates.** This bill unnecessarily drives up costs by mandating that numerous common business and household products meet certain water and energy efficiency mandates. The bill includes numerous appliances and household goods ranging from shower heads and plumbing fixtures to ovens and dishwashers. ACU opposes this infringement on consumer choice and unnecessarily driving up consumer and business costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 35-2. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 4. SB 2500 (RC 171) Driving-Up Energy Costs Through a Draconian “Next-Gen Climate” Package.** This bill advances a series of so-called “next-generation climate” policies which will significantly drive-up energy costs and diminish economic growth. Specifically, the bill worsens state emissions goals to net-zero by 2050 (previously an 80% reduction), mandates more off-shore wind power, and imposes numerous other new mandates and programs. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, and opposes reducing economic growth and raising energy costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 36-2. (The bill was later pocket vetoed by the Governor as SB 2995.)
- 5. SB 2755 (Amd. 34) Strengthening Election Integrity by Ensuring Member of Both Political Parties May Observe Ballot Processing (RC 198).** The Fattman (ACUF Lifetime 76%) Amendment #34 would help strengthen election integrity by ensuring members of both political parties may observe the processing of ballots in cities and towns across the state. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on June 16, 2020 by a vote of 10-29. (The underlying bill was later signed into law as HB 4820.)
- 6. SB 2800 Advancing the Left’s All-Out Attack on the Police.** Instead of reforming the policing system to hold bad actors accountable, this bill serves as an all-out attack on law enforcement and would have tremendous negative consequences on local communities and public safety. The bill contains numerous provisions that expose officers to excessive criminal and legal liabilities that impede their ability to properly carry out their duties as public servants. Furthermore, as highlighted by the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police, the bill includes insulting provisions and training mandates that infer law enforcement agencies are “racist institutions”. ACU supports improving government accountability and increasing transparency through measures, such as the proposed federal JUSTICE Act, and believes all police misconduct should be investigated and penalized according to the law. ACU opposes the promotion of lawlessness through the leftist notion of “defunding the police,” opposes this measure which harms public safety and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 14, 2020 by a vote of 30-7.



7. **HB 5151 (Tarr Amd.) Improving Fiscal Responsibility by Requiring Excess Funds be Contributed to the Rainy-Day Fund (RC 286).** The Tarr (ACUF Lifetime 53%) amendment to the appropriations bill helps protect Massachusetts from the financial downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by reinforcing the state's rainy-day fund. Specifically, this amendment would require any surplus above the state's consensus revenue estimate to be transferred to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund. ACU supports the use of budget surplus funds to reduce taxation or expand rainy day funds for better use in times of economic downturn and supported this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on November 17, 2020 by a vote of 5-34.

 8. **HB 5151 (DiZoglio Amd.) Creating Parity Between Bars and Restaurants During the COVID-19 Reopening (RC 296).** The DiZoglio (ACUF Lifetime 8%) amendment to the appropriations bill helps ensure that bars can safely reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill applies the same reopening standards to bars and wineries that are applied to restaurants, ensuring these entities can also safely reopen. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on November 17, 2020 by a vote of 4-35.

 9. **HB 5164 (RC 395) Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid to Cover Non-Emergency Dental.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 4000-0700, thus proliferating government dependency through MassHealth (the state Medicaid system) by providing full dental benefits to recipients, including work-ready childless adults. The system already provides various emergency-related benefits to recipients. These benefits will cost state taxpayers an additional \$19 million annually for the state share and federal taxpayers multiple times more. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes increasing government dependency and expanding a program rife with inefficiencies, fraud and waste and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 29, 2020 by a vote of 37-2. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)

 10. **HB 5164 (RC 393) Directing Unnecessary Funding to Mass Transit.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 1595-6370, thus providing Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) with an additional \$3.5 million. The Governor noted the RTAs (which operate mass transit) have already received substantial federal funding under the CARES Act and are expected to end the year with significant cash reserves. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 29, 2020 by a vote of 38-1. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)

 11. **HB 5164 (RC 335) Directing Unnecessary Funding to the Zoo.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7007-0952, thus providing the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation with an additional \$600,000 (which is on top of the \$4,625,00 in funding already being provided). The Governor noted the additional funds are not necessary, and the zoo has a history of mismanagement dating back to the funding vetoes of Deval Patrick. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 37-2. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)

 12. **HB 5164 (RC 334) Forcing Taxpayers to Enrich the Union Bosses of the AFL-CIO.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7003-1207, thus providing the AFL-CIO \$150,000 of taxpayer funds for "workforce development programs". ACU opposes weakening government integrity by utilizing taxpayer funds to enrich the greedy union bosses of the AFL-CIO and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 38-1. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)

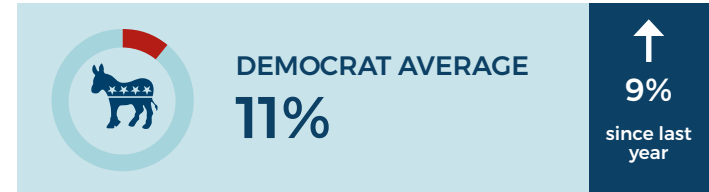
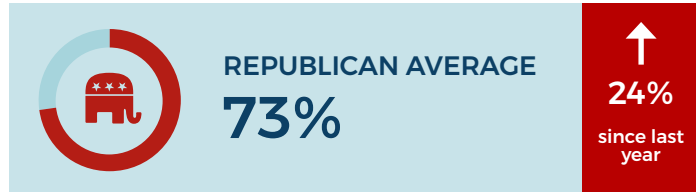
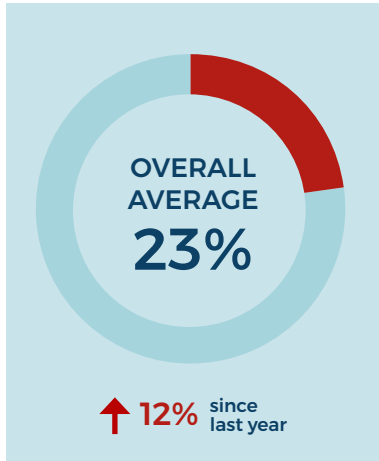
 13. **HB 5164 (RC 332) Growing Government Dependency by Extending Welfare Funding.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 4408-1000, thus increasing government dependency by further extending a state welfare program that had been enhanced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's veto ensures the funding for the welfare program is restricted to only the current fiscal year. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, and more productive lives, opposes growing government dependency by making "temporary" measures under the pandemic "permanent" and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 38-1. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
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14. **HB 5164 (RC 316) Directing Unnecessary Funding to the State EPA.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 2200-0100, resulting in an additional \$6.8 billion being provided to the Department of Environmental Protection (EPA). The Governor noted the additional funds are not necessary and are directed to entities that have a history of government overreach such as the environmental strike force and bureau of planning and evaluation. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 37-2. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
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15. **HB 5164 (RC 443) Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Critical Race Theory and Other Leftist Initiatives.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7509-0101, thus providing \$150,000 to the Senator Stephen M. Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement. The center holds events and discussions advancing countless leftists initiatives, including critical race theory. ACU believes it is absurd year after year the legislature forces taxpayers to directly fund Leftist activist organizations, opposes this cronyism, and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on January 5, 2021 by a vote of 37-2. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
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16. **SB 5164 (RC 422) Reducing Fiscal Accountability Through Delay of the "Sliding Fee Scale" for Early Education.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 3000-1044, thus delaying a critical fiscal safeguard for state subsidized early education and care. As a result, taxpayers will have to pay the full costs of the "parent fees" for these programs by delaying implementation of "the revised sliding fee scale" until 2022. ACU opposes reducing fiscal accountability through the delay of a critical fiscal safeguard and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on January 4, 2021 by a vote of 39-0. (The House also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
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17. **HB 5179 (RC 372) Expanding Abortion Through Enactment of the "ROE Act".** This motion would override Governor Baker's veto of Section 40 of the annual appropriations bill (HB 5164), which enacted the "ROE Act" ("An Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access"). As a result, abortion of unborn children may take place up to 24 weeks, and up until birth if a physician believes the abortion is necessary to preserve the patient's "physical or mental health". Finally, the bill reduces protections for children born-alive after a failed abortion by lifting abortion facility regulations. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and opposed this motion. The Senate passed the motion on December 29, 2020 by a vote of 32-8. (The House also passed the motion, and the bill became law.)
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18. **HB 5248 (RC 480) Indebting Taxpayers to Socialize Mass Transit and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.** This bill authorizes over \$16 billion in bonds (debt) in order to fund countless special interest initiatives. For example, the bill funds numerous mass transit initiatives, including bus and light-rail, as well as millions of dollars for electric vehicle infrastructure. The bill also imposes a tax of \$1.20 on rideshares through platforms such as Uber and Lyft. ACU recognizes Massachusetts already leads the country with the most per capita debt at \$11,043 per resident and recently had its credit rating downgraded by the S&P, with more credit agencies signaling similar adverse actions. ACU opposes indebting taxpayers for special interest initiatives, believes mass transit and electric vehicle infrastructure should be funded through user-fees and not socialized on the backs of taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 6, 2021 by a vote of 39-1 and the bill was partially vetoed by the governor.
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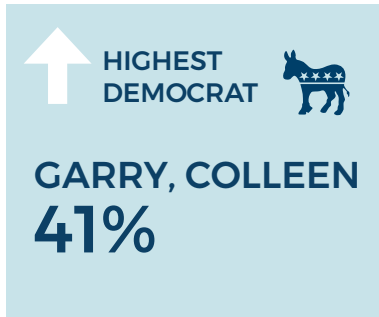
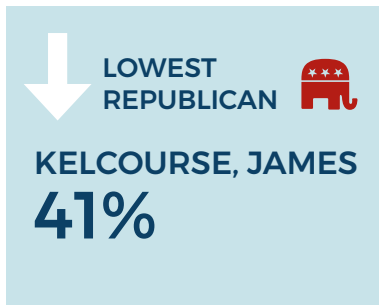
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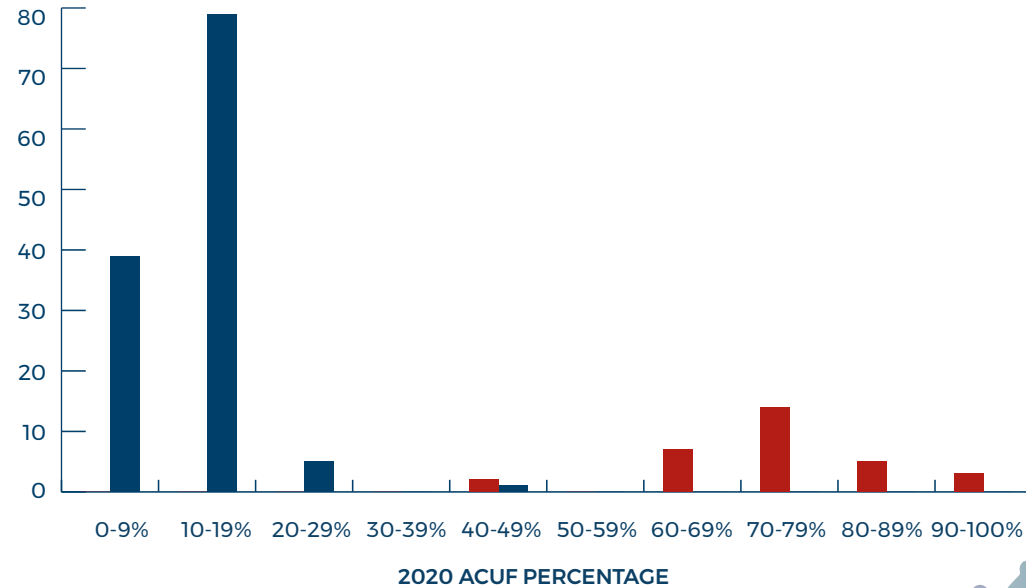
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Ashe, Brian	D	Second Hampden	24%	7%	6%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Ayers, Bruce	D	First Norfolk	13%	0%	6%	-	X	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balser, Ruth	D	Twelfth Middlesex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barber, Christine	D	Thirty-Fourth Middlesex	0%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barrett III, John	D	First Berkshire	12%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARROWS, F. JAY	R	First Bristol	82%	50%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
BERTHIAUME Jr., DONALD	R	Fifth Worcester	94%	57%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Biele, David	D	Fourth Suffolk	12%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blais, Natalie	D	First Franklin	6%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOLDYGA, NICHOLAS	R	Third Hampden	71%	45%	74%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Cabral, Antonio	D	Thirteenth Bristol	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cahill, Daniel	D	Tenth Essex	12%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Driscoll Jr., William	D	Seventh Norfolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DuBois, Michelle	D	Tenth Plymouth	18%	0%	4%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DURANT, PETER	R	Sixth Worcester	94%	64%	77%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Dykema, Carolyn	D	Eighth Middlesex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ehrlich, Lori	D	Eighth Essex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elugardo, Nika	D	Fifteenth Suffolk	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farley-Bouvier, Tricia	D	Third Berkshire	6%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FERGUSON, KIMBERLY	R	First Worcester	71%	43%	62%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Fernandes, Dylan	D	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ferrante, Ann-Margaret	D	Fifth Essex	12%	8%	5%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finn, Michael	D	Sixth Hampden	19%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-
Fiola, Carole	D	Sixth Bristol	13%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
FROST, PAUL	R	Seventh Worcester	76%	50%	67%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Galvin, William	D	Sixth Norfolk	12%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garballey, Sean	D	Twenty-Third Middlesex	12%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garlick, Denise	D	Thirteenth Norfolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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KANE, HANNAH	R	Eleventh Worcester	71%	43%	66%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Kearney, Patrick	D	Fourth Plymouth	7%	n/a	7%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X
Keefe, Mary	D	Fifteenth Worcester	6%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KELCOURSE, JAMES	R	First Essex	41%	36%	49%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Khan, Kay	D	Eleventh Middlesex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LaNatra, Kathleen	D	Twelfth Plymouth	12%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lawn, John	D	Tenth Middlesex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LeBoeuf, David	D	Seventeenth Worcester	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewis, Jack	D	Seventh Middlesex	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linsky, David	D	Fifth Middlesex	6%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lipper-Garabedian, Kate	D	Thirty-Second Middlesex	13%	n/a	13%	-	X	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Livingstone, Jay	D	Eighth Suffolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOMBARDO, MARC	R	Twenty-Second Middlesex	65%	62%	81%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Madaro, Adrian	D	First Suffolk	6%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mahoney, John	D	Thirteenth Worcester	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Mariano, Ronald	D	Third Norfolk	13%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X
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McGonagle Jr., Joseph	D	Twenty-Eighth Middlesex	18%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
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Michlewitz, Aaron	D	Third Suffolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minicucci, Christina	D	Fourteenth Essex	12%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miranda, Liz	D	Fifth Suffolk	12%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIRRA, LEONARD	R	Second Essex	65%	50%	72%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Mom, Rady	D	Eighteenth Middlesex	13%	0%	2%	-	X	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moran, Frank	D	Seventeenth Essex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moran, Michael	D	Eighteenth Suffolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MURADIAN Jr., DAVID	R	Ninth Worcester	65%	50%	66%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
MURATORE, MATHEW	R	First Plymouth	71%	50%	64%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Murphy, James	D	Fourth Norfolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murray, Brian	D	Tenth Worcester	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nangle, David	D	Seventeenth Middlesex	13%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Naughton Jr., Harold	D	Twelfth Worcester	13%	n/a	4%	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	n/a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nguyen, Tram	D	Eighteenth Essex	6%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O'Day, James	D	Fourteenth Worcester	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ORRALL, NORMAN	R	Twelfth Bristol	71%	50%	78%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-

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Parisella, Jerald	D	Sixth Essex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peake, Sarah	D	Fourth Barnstable	6%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peisch, Alice	D	Fourteenth Norfolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petrolati, Thomas	D	Seventh Hampden	n/a†	14%	8%	-	X	X	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
Pignatelli, William	D	Fourth Berkshire	12%	0%	5%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
POIRIER, ELIZABETH	R	Fourteenth Bristol	75%	57%	74%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X
Provost, Denise	D	Twenty-Seventh Middlesex	0%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Puppolo Jr., Angelo	D	Twelfth Hampden	19%	7%	9%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-
Robertson, David	D	Nineteenth Middlesex	24%	7%	15%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Robinson, Maria	D	Sixth Middlesex	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rogers, David	D	Twenty-Fourth Middlesex	6%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rogers, John	D	Twelfth Norfolk	29%	0%	10%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Roy, Jeffrey	D	Tenth Norfolk	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan, Daniel	D	Second Suffolk	13%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Sabadosa, Lindsay	D	First Hampshire	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santiago, Jon	D	Ninth Suffolk	12%	0%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Scaccia, Angelo	D	Fourteenth Suffolk	15%	14%	8%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	+	X	
Schmid III, Paul	D	Eighth Bristol	18%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Sena, Danillo	D	Thirty-Seventh Middlesex	7%	n/a	7%	-	X	X	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silvia, Alan	D	Seventh Bristol	18%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
SMOLA, TODD	R	First Hampden	76%	43%	72%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
SOTER, MICHAEL	R	Eighth Worcester	65%	54%	59%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Speliotis, Theodore	D	Thirteenth Essex	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanley, Thomas	D	Ninth Middlesex	13%	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Straus, William	D	Tenth Bristol	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SULLIVAN, ALYSON	R	Seventh Plymouth	82%	57%	70%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Tosado, Jose	D	Ninth Hampden	14%	0%	2%	-	-	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X
Tucker, Paul	D	Seventh Essex	12%	0%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyler, Chynah	D	Seventh Suffolk	6%	7%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Ultrino, Steven	D	Thirty-Third Middlesex	6%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vargas, Andres	D	Third Essex	12%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vega, Aaron	D	Fifth Hampden	6%	0%	1%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Velis, John	D	Fourth Hampden	n/a†	14%	17%	X	+	+	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
VIEIRA, DAVID	R	Third Barnstable	47%	36%	57%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Vincent, RoseLee	D	Sixteenth Suffolk	18%	0%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Vitolo, Tommy	D	Fifteenth Norfolk	6%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wagner, Joseph	D	Eighth Hampden	12%	0%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walsh, Thomas	D	Twelfth Essex	12%	7%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHELAN, TIMOTHY	R	First Barnstable	69%	31%	58%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	X
Whipps, Susannah	I	Second Franklin	24%	7%	29%	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WONG, DONALD	R	Ninth Essex	65%	43%	61%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
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- 1. SB 2500 (RC 266) Driving-Up Energy Costs Through a Draconian “Next-Gen Climate” Package.** This bill advances a series of so-called “next-generation climate” policies which will significantly drive-up energy costs and diminish economic growth. Specifically, the bill worsens state emissions goals to net-zero by 2050 (previously an 80% reduction), mandates more off-shore wind power, and imposes numerous other new mandates and programs. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, and opposes reducing economic growth and raising energy costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 31, 2020 by a vote of 142-17. (The bill was later pocket vetoed by the Governor as SB 2995.)
- 2. HB 4508 (Amd. 23) Blocking the Corporate Tax Hike (RC 157).** The Poirier (ACUF Lifetime 74%) amendment #23 to the transportation bill would remove a section of the bill which harms investment by hiking the corporate tax rate. Specifically, this section would have increased tax burdens by eliminating the flat corporate tax rate and instead imposing a nine-tiered tax based off gross sales. ACU opposes this anti-growth measure which reduces investment and state competitiveness and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 35-119.
- 3. HB 4530 (RC 160) Imposing \$600 Million in New Taxes by Hiking the Gas Tax, Ridesharing Tax, and Corporate Tax.** This bill, the transportation tax bill, harms economic growth by imposing \$600 million in new taxes. Under the bill, the gas tax is hiked by 5 cents, the tax on rideshares (i.e., Uber and Lyft) is increased to \$1.20 per ride, and the corporate tax is hiked through a tiered structure. Most concerning, the revenue from this bill is not used to improve infrastructure but instead directed to special interests such as mass transit authorities and payouts to the taxicab industry. ACU opposes this cash grab which drives up transportation and consumer costs and enriching special interests and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 113-40. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 4. HB 4733 (RC 173) Advancing Reckless Fiscal Policy by Imposing \$1.68 Billion in Debt on Taxpayers.** Perhaps no other bill better reflects the insanity and irresponsibility that embodies the Massachusetts General Court than this measure which would place taxpayers over a billion dollars in debt. Under the bill, \$1.68 billion in bonds (debt) would be issued which taxpayers would be forced to repay with interest. The funds are for general governmental infrastructure which should be funded through the regular budget process. ACU recognizes Massachusetts already leads the country with the most per capita debt at \$11,043 per resident and recently had its credit rating downgraded by the S&P, with more credit agencies signaling similar adverse actions. ACU believes it is insane to further plunge the most indebted state in the nation into greater disaster and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 20, 2020 by a vote of 149-7. (An amended version of the bill, HB 4932, was later signed into law.)
- 5. HB 4879 (Amd. 34) Increasing Housing Costs by Allowing Localities to Impose a 2% Transfer Tax on Real Estate Sales (RC 230).** The Connolly (ACUF Lifetime 2%) amendment #34 to the economic development bill would drive up housing costs by permitting localities to impose a new 2% transfer tax on home and property sales. The revenue would then be directed to municipal affordable housing trusts funds, thus allowing government to further interfere in the marketplace and make housing less affordable. ACU believes the best way to expand affordable housing is by removing onerous zoning and regulatory barriers that hinder development, opposes this tax and government affordable housing initiatives which drive up housing costs and opposed this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on July 27, 2020 by a vote of 29-130.
- 6. HB 5150 (Connolly Amd.) Reducing Investment and Economic Growth by Doubling the Capital Gains Tax (RC 273).** The Connolly (ACUF Lifetime 2%) amendment to the appropriations bill would significantly reduce investment and economic growth in Massachusetts by nearly doubling the state capital gains tax from 5% to 9%. ACU recognizes the capital gains tax (at both the state and federal level) is one of the most economically destructive taxes and opposed this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on November 10, 2020 by a vote of 30-127.



7. **HB 5164 (RC 342) Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid to Cover Non-Emergency Dental.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 4000-0700, thus proliferating government dependency through MassHealth (the state Medicaid system) by providing full dental benefits to recipients, including work-ready childless adults. The system already provides various emergency-related benefits to recipients. These benefits will cost state taxpayers an additional \$19 million annually for the state share and federal taxpayers multiple times more. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes increasing government dependency and expanding a program rife with inefficiencies, fraud and waste and opposed this motion. The House voted to pass the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 124-31. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
8. **HB 5164 (RC 383) Directing Unnecessary Funding to Mass Transit.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 1595-6370, thus providing Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) with an additional \$3.5 million. The Governor noted the RTAs (which operate mass transit) have already received substantial federal funding under the CARES Act and are expected to end the year with significant cash reserves. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 28, 2020 by a vote of 148-8. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
9. **HB 5164 (RC 328) Directing Unnecessary Funding to the Zoo.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7007-0952, thus providing the Commonwealth Zoological Corporation with an additional \$600,000 (which is on top of the \$4,625,00 in funding already being provided). The Governor noted the additional funds are not necessary, and the zoo has a history of mismanagement dating back to the funding vetoes of Deval Patrick. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 145-12. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
10. **HB 5164 (RC 327) Forcing Taxpayers to Enrich the Union Bosses of the AFL-CIO.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7003-1207, thus providing the AFL-CIO \$150,000 of taxpayer funds for "workforce development programs". ACU opposes weakening government integrity by utilizing taxpayer funds to enrich the greedy union bosses of the AFL-CIO and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 23, 2020 by a vote of 131-26. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
11. **HB 5164 (RC 313) Growing Government Dependency by Extending Welfare Funding.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 4408-1000, thus increasing government dependency by further extending a state welfare program that had been enhanced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's veto ensures the funding for the welfare program is restricted to only the current fiscal year. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, and more productive lives, opposes growing government dependency by making "temporary" measures under the pandemic "permanent" and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 130-27. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
12. **HB 5164 (RC 303) Directing Unnecessary Funding to the State EPA.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 2200-0100, resulting in an additional \$6.8 billion being provided to the Department of Environmental Protection (EPA). The Governor noted the additional funds are not necessary and are directed to entities that have a history of government overreach such as the environmental strike force and bureau of planning and evaluation. ACU supports efforts to combat unnecessary and duplicate spending and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 132-25. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)
13. **HB 5164 (RC 430) Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Critical Race Theory and Other Leftist Initiatives.** This motion overrides the Governor's veto of budget item 7509-0101, thus providing \$150,000 to the Senator Stephen M. Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement. The center holds events and discussions advancing countless leftists initiatives, including critical race theory. ACU believes it is absurd year after year the legislature forces taxpayers to directly fund Leftist activist organizations, opposes this cronyism, and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on January 4, 2021 by a vote of 132-21. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)



14. **SB 5164 (RC 322) Reducing Fiscal Accountability Through Delay of the “Sliding Fee Scale” for Early Education.** This motion overrides the Governor’s veto of budget item 3000-1044, thus delaying a critical fiscal safeguard for state subsidized early education and care. As a result, taxpayers will have to pay the full costs of the “parent fees” for these programs by delaying implementation of “the revised sliding fee scale” until 2022. ACU opposes reducing fiscal accountability through the delay of a critical fiscal safeguard and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 130-27. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the item was enacted.)

 15. **HB 5179 (RC 374) Expanding Abortion Through Enactment of the “ROE Act”.** This motion would override Governor Baker’s veto of Section 40 of the annual appropriations bill (HB 5164), which enacted the “ROE Act” (“An Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access”). As a result, abortion of unborn children may take place up to 24 weeks, and up until birth if a physician believes the abortion is necessary to preserve the patient’s “physical or mental health”. Finally, the bill reduces protections for children born-alive after a failed abortion by lifting abortion facility regulations. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and opposed this motion. The House passed the motion on December 28, 2020 by a vote of 107-46. (The Senate also passed the motion, and the bill became law.)

 16. **HB 5179 (Amd. 2) Protecting Children who Survive Abortion (RC 294).** The Lombardo (ACUF Lifetime 81%) amendment 2 to the abortion insurance coverage mandate bill would delete the underlying provisions and would instead insert pro-life provisions. Specifically, this amendment would require facilities where abortions are performed to maintain life-supporting equipment and for health practitioners to immediately perform life-saving measures on any child who is born alive after an abortion is attempted and failed. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on December 16, 2020 by a vote of 34-120.

 17. **HB 5248 (RC 480) Indebting Taxpayers to Socialize Mass Transit and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure.** This bill authorizes over \$16 billion in bonds (debt) in order to fund countless special interest initiatives. For example, the bill funds numerous mass transit initiatives, including bus and light-rail, as well as millions of dollars for electric vehicle infrastructure. The bill also imposes a tax of \$1.20 on rideshares through platforms such as Uber and Lyft. ACU recognizes Massachusetts already leads the country with the most per capita debt at \$11,043 per resident and recently had its credit rating downgraded by the S&P, with more credit agencies signaling similar adverse actions. ACU opposes indebting taxpayers for special interest initiatives, believes mass transit and electric vehicle infrastructure should be funded through user-fees and not socialized on the backs of taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 6, 2020 by a vote of 146-0 and the bill was partially vetoed by the governor.
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