

## Accomplishments

- 1. Managing the Recession.** Governor Patrick and Lt. Governor Murray's leadership during these tough economic times has positioned Massachusetts to come out of this recession faster and stronger than the rest of the country. At the same time, they have led the two most productive legislative sessions in the past 30 years.
- 2. Jobs.** We have had six consecutive months of job gains, and July saw the largest private-sector job gain in 20 years. Overall, we have added over 60,000 jobs since December 2009, and UMass has reported that the Massachusetts economy is growing twice as fast as the rest of the nation. This is not by accident, but because the Patrick-Murray administration has made job creation its top priority. \$300 million in state and federal funds has been invested for training programs to put the unemployed back to work, and \$10 billion has been invested to fix roads and bridges and create jobs. \$1 billion has been invested to create jobs in the life sciences.
- 3. Investing in our Schools.** Our students are leading the nation in student achievement, and we have passed comprehensive education reform legislation that tackles the achievement gap, empowers us to turn around underperforming schools, promotes innovation in education, and increases access to high-performing charter schools in the lowest-performing districts.
- 4. Green Jobs.** Massachusetts is the national leader in clean energy policy, enabling us to promote the expansion of clean energy, cut greenhouse gases, and capture the green jobs of the 21st century. Ramped-up energy efficiency programs will invest \$2 billion over three years, and provide \$6.5 billion in savings for consumers.
- 5. Government Reform.** Governor Patrick passed powerful ethics, lobbying, pension, and transportation reform bills that will keep special interests out of political decision-making and stop wasteful spending.
- 6. Budget Management.** Amid the worst global economic crisis in decades, Governor Patrick submitted four on-time, responsible, and balanced budgets, making the tough decisions necessary to protect key investments in education and local aid for our communities. Massachusetts has had its "AA" bond rating affirmed by Wall Street's authoritative rating agencies, each of which cited sound fiscal management -- an achievement few states can claim in this economy.
- 7. Implemented Health Insurance Reform.** Massachusetts has become the model for the nation with coverage for 97.5% of Bay State residents -- no other state comes close. Over 400,000 residents are now covered who were not before reform was implemented, and the Patrick-Murray administration has ended the risk of losing coverage for loss of job, pre-existing conditions, or personal bankruptcy as a result of a serious illness.

## 8. **Curbed Skyrocketing Health Care**

**Costs.** Governor Patrick has stood up for small businesses by successfully negotiating for lower caps on excessive health care premiums with the state's four largest health insurance companies, bringing rate relief to 90% of the Commonwealth's small businesses. In August, Governor Patrick signed legislation providing further tools for small businesses -- allowing them to save an additional 12% in costs.

9. **Corporate Tax Fairness.** Governor Patrick closed corporate tax loopholes, leveling the playing field for smaller businesses, and bringing in nearly a half-billion dollars in additional tax revenue, while also reducing the overall corporate tax rate for 35,000 businesses.

10. **Civilian Flaggers.** Governor Patrick pushed for Massachusetts to join 49 other states in allowing civilian flaggers at state construction sites, saving state taxpayers over \$12 million already, and accomplishing something previous governors only talked about.

11. **Auto Insurance Rates.** Auto insurance reform has been passed, reducing insurance premiums by up to 10% for Bay State consumers.

12. **Marriage Equality.** Led the fight to keep discrimination out of the Massachusetts constitution, and preserved the right of Massachusetts citizens to marry whomever they love.

13. **CORI Reform.** Signed comprehensive CORI reform that is tough and smart on crime, reduces recidivism, and gives ex-offenders the opportunity to get back on their feet and lead productive lives.

14. **Transportation Reform.** Passed major transportation reform by eliminating the Turnpike Authority -- saving Massachusetts residents over a quarter of a billion dollars already.

15. **Generational Responsibility.** Invested in roads, bridges, rail, broadband expansion, public college campuses, affordable housing, and open space acquisition -- spurring economic development in all parts of the Commonwealth.

## 16. **Protecting Veterans' Services.**

Expanded Massachusetts's standing as a national leader in veterans' services, launching new health services for returning soldiers and investing half a million dollars to train returning veterans for green jobs.

17. **Protecting our Environment.** Passed the largest land conservation initiative in the history of Massachusetts and the nation's strongest laws to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, quadrupled the number of solar companies and nearly tripled solar jobs in Massachusetts, and -- finally -- made Cape Wind a reality.

## 18. **Standing up for Small Businesses.**

Signed into law an economic development bill that promotes job growth and long-term economic recovery, helping small businesses to create jobs by providing access to capital, and streamlining the Commonwealth's economic development agencies.

## 19. **Grassroots Activists Have an Impact.**

Legislation such as CORI reform, the school nutrition bill, measures to insure autism treatments, and the creation of the Silver Alert program began as grassroots activism. Beacon Hill is more accessible.

## 20. **Governor of the Whole State.**

Governor Patrick and Lt. Governor Murray have been deeply committed to governing the entire Commonwealth, including Western Mass. and the South Coast. As a result, they have advocated for and have delivered on key projects in every corner of the Commonwealth.