

AN UPDATE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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2ND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT: WAREHAM, CARVER, MIDDLEBORO



Ground breaking for the new Wareham Maple Springs Water Purification plant with Superintendent Andy Reid and other Water Dept. and State officials!

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2018 BALLOT QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: HEALTHCARE

Sets limits on the number of patients a nurse can be assigned to

QUESTION 2: CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND DEFINITION OF A CORPORATION

Creates citizens commission to advocate for changes to the U.S. Constitution regarding political spending and corporate personhood

QUESTION 3: LGBT ISSUES

Repeals law prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity



**WORKING WITH THE
ADMINISTRATION,
NOT AGAINST IT,
TO GET THINGS DONE**

SIGNIFICANT VOTES (CONT.)

CRANBERRY TASK FORCE

Governor Charlie Baker talked with us about the ongoing commitment of his administration to implement the recommendations of the Cranberry Revitalization Task Force. Welcome news at the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association Annual Meeting & Trade Show at the Upland Club in Plympton. **I'm proud to have served as a member of this Task Force, working with cranberry growers, state agency leaders and an agricultural economist to develop a set of recommendations on how to keep this important local industry vibrant.**

SIGNIFICANT VOTES

- Supported increasing one-time survivor benefit paid to **families of police, firefighters, and other public safety officials killed in the line of duty**

- Supported legislation allowing cities and towns to establish a means-tested **property tax exemption program for senior citizens**
- Brought **money back to the community**, including \$130,000 for Wareham for an Emergency Operations Center (from the Environmental Bond Bill), \$55,000 for a full time COA director for Wareham, and \$15,000 for Carver Council on Aging (General Expenses)
- Supported legislation (House Bill 4742/ the Care Act) to **expand the Massachusetts Opioid Law to assist loved ones** in getting the help they need
- Voted for the passage of the **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act**, requiring employers to provide reasonable workplace accommodations for expectant and nursing mothers
- Filed bill to **allow insurance companies to offer group discounts on home and car insurance** - passed and signed into law
- Renewed my **commitment to our veterans**, supporting the BRAVE Act, providing them with important resources such as tax exemptions, paid military leave, and burial expenses amongst others



FROM THE BAY TO THE BOGS

COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito comes to Wareham to celebrate a new Community Solar project owned by Ameresco and developed by Blue Wave Solar off Charge Pond Road. The project will benefit five area housing authorities and bring \$150k a year in revenue to Wareham from the developer.

INFRASTRUCTURE

I have been working since I was a Wareham Town Selectman in 1999 to implement the reconstruction of Cranberry Highway in East Wareham.

**AFTER YEARS OF HARD
WORK AND ADVOCACY,
RECONSTRUCTION WILL
BEGIN IN 2019!**

I also brought back funds to aid in the reconstruction of the Middleboro Rotary in order to improve traffic conditions and public safety by decreasing accidents.



The South Coast Rail Project & expansion of rail service back to Wareham and Cape Cod is another infrastructure project that I have advocated for. This service will improve the quality of life for our citizens and commuters alike. It will improve public safety, enhance tourism, and our local economy - from the bay to the bogs. Reducing the number of cars on the roads will also benefit the environment, which is crucial to our economy.



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GIFFORD PERFECT ATTENDANCE **AGAIN**

I AM ONE OF A HANDFUL OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE NOT MISSED A VOTE IN THE LAST
DECADE OF SERVICE ON BEACON HILL. CASTING HARD VOTES, ENSURING YOUR VOICE IS
HEARD, AND DISCUSSING WITH OTHERS THE MERITS OF BOTH SIDES- THESE ARE THINGS
THAT REQUIRE ATTENDANCE

Representing the people of the 2nd
Plymouth District means the world
to me and is not a task I take
lightly. It's not just about being at
the State House to vote. It's about
listening to my constituents,
knowing how each vote will
affect them, and casting the vote
that will be in their best interest.



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