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An Update From State Representative

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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. This year, nearly 2/3 of representatives missed votes. Casting hard votes, ensuring your voice is heard, and discussing with others the merits of both sides - these are things that require attendance. Showing up is something I take seriously . . .

. . . But it's not just about showing up - it's also about being present. I take great pride in being present on Beacon Hill to contribute to the debate on **taxes, spending, opioids, education and health care**. I also cherish the time I spend in our communities, visiting with neighbors like YOU!

Here, I got to spend some time with my husband **Mark** and our best buddy, **Gus**.



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2016 Ballot Questions

- #1 **ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL SLOT LICENSE**
EFFECT: Allows Suffolk Downs to get a slot-only license like Plainridge
- #2 **EXPANDS CHARTER SCHOOLS**
EFFECT: Allows state to add charters if the local school system is failing.
- #3 **REGULATES FOOD SALES**
EFFECT: Prohibits Non-free range Eggs, Veal & Pork from being sold in Mass.
- #4 **LEGALIZES RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**
EFFECT: Pot would be legal for 21+ and subject to a 10-12% sales tax

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Cranberry Task Force & Our Economy

As one of a handful of legislators appointed to serve on the Cranberry Industry Revitalization Task Force, I worked with cranberry growers, state agency leaders and even an agricultural economist to develop a set of recommendations on how to keep this important local industry vibrant. One of my recommendations was included not just in the report, but in Governor Baker's Municipal Reform and Modernization bill, which became law in August.

Taking action to ensure a **sustainable local economy** is just one of the priorities I work on each day. My efforts to bring the commuter rail back to Wareham is part of that same commitment. So much of our economy is dependent on decent, **affordable transportation**. Whether it is repair funds for roads and bridges or reinstatement of trains to Cape Cod, our regional transportation needs remain a high priority.



Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year,
Middleboro High School Teacher
Sue Miller



Joining **Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito**, Wareham Selectmen &
Cape Cod Canal Chamber of Commerce's Marie Oliva



My friend, **Governor Baker**, having
some fun at my 2016 campaign kickoff



Visiting with **Cape Verdean
President Fonseca** at the State House



**My State House Aide,
Marc O'Brien**. He is the hardest
working staffer in the State House!



Retirement
Parties
and
Ribbon
Cuttings



2016
Eagle Scouts
from
Carver Boy Scout
Troop 48

I meet inspiring people, some you know and others you may not!

SIGNIFICANT VOTES

A FEW IMPORTANT VOTES:

I have to say how rewarding it was to pass an **Equal Pay Law**. This will be meaningful - not just symbolic - for the many women in Massachusetts who make less than the men who do the same job. So proud to have been a part of this!

I joined Democrats and fellow Republicans to pass groundbreaking **opioid law** to limit prescriptions, improve patient treatment and expand training;

I voted to **toughen safety rules** for ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft;

I voted to successfully override the veto of the Governor (we don't agree 100% of the time) to fund \$125,000 for water quality monitoring in **Buzzards Bay**;

In fact, I voted to support the Governor's vetos 146 times, but voted to override on some items including **public libraries, community colleges** and **regional transit**;

I voted against changing our flat income tax to a graduated tax;

I voted to disclose large 3rd party donors in elections.



HELPING OTHERS

Turning Point is a great organization that serves Buzzards Bay, Carver, Wareham, Middleboro, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. As a volunteer social service agency, they are always looking for resources to assist their efforts in the community. While largely focused on housing assistance, they provide other help with access to a host of service coordination.

I am so proud to help Turning Point and other local groups of volunteers, dedicated to turning towns into communities by helping our neighbors when they need it most.

I was there when **Lee and Marcine (above)** retired as Directors in 2014 and was recognized at this year's golf tournament with a nice "Thank You" on the first tee. On Beacon Hill, I got grant funding so Turning Point could help transition homeless to housing and keep others from losing their homes.

Please consider helping Turning Point by liking them on Facebook or donating to the Wareham Area Committee for the Homeless, to support the Turning Point mission at turningpoint.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

As a member of the Republican Leadership Team, I help oversee matters in informal sessions and serve on the important scheduling and policy committee, which decides which issues come before the House.