



Renew Massachusetts Coalition



2020 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE POSITIONS
Election Periods: Sat. Oct. 17 - 30, Nov. 3, 2020

Office: State Representative District: 5th Barnstable		Candidates	
Voter Guide Key: NR = No Response, UND = Undecided, UNK = Unknown		(D) James Dever	(R) Steven Xiarhos
1.	Would you vote to repeal the transgender laws passed in 2011 and 2016 that have been used to open bathrooms to all genders in the public schools, and women's locker rooms to men?	NO	UNK
2.	Would you support the elimination of all tax-payer funding for Planned parenthood, redirecting those dollars to community health centers?	NO	UNK
3.	Would you support the Religious Beliefs and Moral Convictions Protection Act which would prohibit discriminatory action against a person, whether as parent, employee, business, religious leader or religious organization, on the basis of acting or declining to act in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction?	NO	UNK
4.	Would you support "Justina's Bill," which would protect parents given two differing medical courses of treatment for their child, and affirm their rights to choose the most appropriate care without threat of being overruled by the state?	UNK	UNK
5.	Do you support mandating the Health Curriculum Framework, which would teach students how to obtain an abortion without parental consent, as well as expose children to topics of human sexuality at a very young age, as a graduation requirement?	YES	UNK
6.	Would you vote YES to place a constitutional amendment on the state ballot that returns the question of taxpayer funded abortion to the legislature, striking down Supreme Judicial Court language guaranteeing a right to a tax-payer funded abortion?	NO	UNK
7.	Should the Massachusetts sales tax rate be reduced back to 5%?	NO	UNK
8.	Do you support Laura's Law, which would require that women considering abortion receive more complete information about their pregnancies, so that women can give more informed consent, as is required of every other medical procedure?	NO	UNK
9.	Do you support state tax-dollars funding "Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth Commission," which promotes alternative sexualities in the public schools and in public policy?	YES	UNK
10.	Would you support repeal of the Counseling Ban passed into law in 2019 which prohibits licensed mental health professionals from talking to children about unwanted sexual feelings or gender dysphoria, requiring that those professionals only engage on such topics by affirming the unwanted behavior?	NO	UNK
11.	Do you support the legalization of euthanasia, otherwise known as doctor-assisted suicide, or doctor-prescribed death?	UNK	UNK
12.	Would you vote in favor of defunding sanctuary municipalities, those that take an affirmative and explicit position of not allowing their local police to help federal law enforcement?	NO	YES
13.	Would you vote yes on a constitutional amendment creating an income tax surtax on annual incomes over \$1 million?	YES	UNK

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