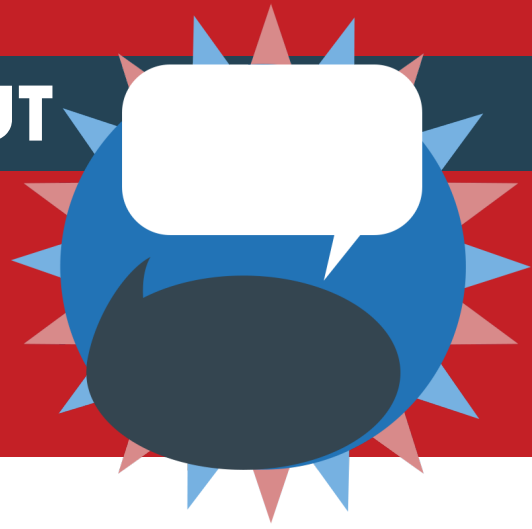


WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION



The Boston Globe Editorial

“With some 680,000 Massachusetts residents eligible to vote but unregistered, this is a subject the Legislature should dive energetically into.”

Harvard Crimson Editorial

“Reform efforts of this magnitude are often met with skepticism, but expanding the right to vote is a cause in which government ought to focus far more energy than it currently does...Change will require more than automatic voter registration in one state, but it is a good opening measure.”

Attorney General Maura Healey



“By automatically registering eligible citizens to vote, we make it easier for them to engage and participate in the electoral process. This makes our elections more accessible to all— particularly to young people, those who move frequently, and minority voters.”

Berkshire Eagle Editorial

“Massachusetts, normally known for its groundbreaking social advances like legalization of same-sex marriage, finds itself behind the eight-ball on the issue of automatic voter registration...We hope to see progress in the effort to make the Massachusetts electorate – and the power it exercises – more representative of the desires of all its citizens.”

Congressman Joe Kennedy



“...Our Commonwealth must set an example on voting rights for the nation to follow. We need to prove how strong a system can be when it is inclusive, progressive and fair.”

Cape Cod Times Editorial

“The lackluster turnout in recent municipal elections ... is further evidence to support automatic voter registration – a system that automatically updates voters’ information whenever they alert one of several state agencies of a change of address or other pertinent change in their status.”

Jim Braude, WGBH

“We’re lousy about voting partly because we make it so hard...This bill would mean those who want to vote can vote. If you don’t want to register to vote, opt out. It’s as American as apple pie.”

