2025-26 Mass Scorecard for State Rep. Christine Barber

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2026 update proposal:
The Platform Committee weakened the party platform because they believe that attracts voters. Progressive Democrats disagree: we attract voters by having strong & clear progressive values, and asking legislators to vote based on those values.

The Massachusetts Democratic Party Charter says, "*The most recent Democratic platform…is the official position of the Democratic Party…. every official elected shall adhere to the…platform. Failure to do so…may be publicized by…action of any Party convention.*"

The platform MATTERS because we can hold our legislators accountable to it! Here's how one legislator compares to the Party Platform….

Fundamental Issue in MassDems' Party Platform: "Massachusetts Democrats will fight for…" (Click for full text of platform section)	Summary of related issue put to vote (Click for House Journal references)	This Rep's vote on this issue	Party platform on this issue
Page 9 clause 2: EDUCATION: "Adequate resources, instruction, and support to ensure that all students can read proficiently by the third grade"	Oct. 29, 2025:Should Education Dept. & unions create literacy curricula? (H.4672 Rollcall 101 passed 132-22-6)	**Barber: YES**	**Platform: YES**
Page 12 clause 10: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: "Safe, reliable, accessible, equitable transportation solutions…and a sustainable public transit system"	April 16, 2025:Allocate $828 million from the 'Millionaire's Tax' to transportation projects and MBTA? (H.4005 Rollcall 29 passed 140-14-6)	**Barber: YES**	**Platform: YES**
Page 14 clause 12: RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL RIGHTS: "The protection and promotion of equal rights for all LGBTQ+ people…and advocating for greater protections in the workplace, education, housing, healthcare, and criminal justice"	Nov 3, 2005:Should transgender care be protected from disclosure? (S.2538 Rollcall 72 passed 132-24-4)	**Barber: ABSENT**	**Platform: YES**
Page 15 clause 12: ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: "Subjecting the legislative branch to the Massachusetts Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)"	Feb. 25, 2025:Allow the State Auditor to Audit the Massachusetts House? (H.2024, Rollcall 21 failed 24-127-7)	**Barber: NO**	**Platform: YES**
Page 15 clause 14: ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: "All Committee votes in the Legislature to be made public by providing a list of those legislators voting yes and those legislators voting no"	Feb. 25, 2025:Record all Rollcall votes; 2 days to review bills & other previews; (H. 2026, Rollcall 13/14/20/22, all failed 23-128-7)	**Barber: NO**	**Platform: YES**
Page 16 clause 9: HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: "Using the revenue generated by legalized marijuana to help fund proven opioid prevention and recovery services"	June 4, 2025:Should the cannabis industry expand responsibly? (H.4187 Rollcall 55 passed 153-0-6)	**Barber: YES**	**Platform: YES**
Page 18 clause 2: HOUSING: "Remaining a right to shelter state, which guarantees emergency shelter for everyone in need, and increased funding for homeless assistance programs"	Feb. 6, 2025:Allocate $425 million for the state's family shelter system? (H.57 Rollcall 11 passed 126-26-8)	**Barber: YES**	**Platform: YES**
Page 19 clause 2: IMMIGRATION: "The elimination of policies that make local and state officials responsible for the enforcement of national immigration laws"	April 29, 2025:Should local police authorities detain people for ICE? (H.4000 Rollcall 36 failed House 25-131-2)	**Barber: NO**	**Platform: NO**
Page 16 clause 2: HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: "High-quality, accessible healthcare for all through a single-payer government-sponsored program, like Medicare"	Feb. 27, 2025:Single-payer health care financing system (H..1405, 52 co-sponsors)	**Barber: SPONSOR**	**Platform: YES**
Page 17 clause 23: HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: "Securing broad and compassionate options for the end of life"	Feb. 27, 2025: End of life option including request for medical aid in dying medication (H..2505, 63 co-sponsors)	**Barber: SPONSOR**	**Platform: YES**
Page 12 clause 2: CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE : "necessary steps to protect our air, water, forests, farmland, and food, and expanding our access to open space"	Feb. 27, 2025: Funds for improving and conserving natural and working lands (H..901, 53 co-sponsors)	**Barber: SPONSOR**	**Platform: YES**
Party Charter Article 2 Section 5: "Members of Democratic town and ward committees may be removed for…publicly endorsing or supporting any candidate whose announced intention is to oppose the nominee of the Democratic Party"	2016/ 2019/ 2020/ 2024/ 2025:Donated to ActBlue (state Democratic PACs)	**Barber: NO to GOP**	**Platform: NO**
Number of votes in 2025-26 in accord with Democratic Party Platform:		**9 out of 12 votes.**	
Summary letter grade: A=90% or better; B=80%; C=70%; D=60%; F=below 60%		**C**	