2025-26 Mass Scorecard for State Rep. Joshua Tarsky

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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
EDUCATION: page 10 clause 2: "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 House rollcall 101 passed 132-22-6)″	TARSKY: YES	Platform: YES
CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: page 12 clause 10: "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 House rollcall 29 passed 140-14-6 plus H.4227 Senate rollcall 52 passed 40-0-0)	TARSKY: YES	Platform: YES
RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL RIGHTS: page 14 clause 12: "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 House rollcall 72 passed 132-24-4 plus S.2543 Senate rollcall 68 passed 37-3-0)	TARSKY: YES	Platform: YES
ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: page 15 clause 12: "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 House rollcall 21 failed 24-127-7)	TARSKY: NO	Platform: YES
ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: page 15 clause 14: "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. 12, 2025: Record all Rollcall votes; 2 days to review bills & other previews? (H.2026 House rollcall 13/14/20/22, all failed 23-128-7; S.15 Senate Amendment #13 and #15 failed 6-32-2; Senate Amendment #22 failed 9-29-2)	TARSKY: NO	Platform: YES
HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: page 16 clause 2: "accessible healthcare for all through a single-payer government-sponsored program, like Medicare"	Feb. 27, 2025:Single-payer health care financing system (H.1405 House: 62 co-sponsors; S.860 Senate: 24 co-sponsors).	TARSKY: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
HEALTHCARE: page 16 clause 9: "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 House rollcall 55 passed 153-0-6 plus H.4206 Senate rollcall 116 passed 30-7-3)	TARSKY: YES	Platform: YES
HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: page 17 clause 23: "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 House: 63 co-sponsors; S.1486 Senate: 24 co-sponsors)	TARSKY: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
IMMIGRATION: page 19 clause 1: "Becoming a sanctuary state, where all immigrants and refugees feel welcome and safe in all communities"	April 29, 2025:Should local police authorities detain people for ICE? (H.4000 Amendment #10, House rollcall 36 failed House 25-131-2)	TARSKY: NO	Platform: NO
IMMIGRATION: page 19 clause 2: "The elimination of policies that make local and state officials responsible for the enforcement of national immigration laws"	March 25, 2026: Regulate state and local participation in federal immigration enforcement (H.5158/H.5305 PROTECT Act passed 134-21-2 rollcall 150; or S.1681 Senate: 25 co-sponsors; or S.1122: 23 co-sponsors).	TARSKY: YES	Platform: YES
Party Charter Article 2, section VII, clause (b): "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"	2023-2026: No Political Donations.	TARSKY: NO DONATIONS	Platform: NO TO GOP
Number of votes in 2025-26 in accord with Democratic Party Platform:		**8 out of 10 votes.**	
Summary letter grade: A=90% or better; B=80%; C=70%; D=60%; F=below 60%		**B-**	

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