

FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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H.3070, An Act relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification

This month, I was joined by El, a Natick constituent, and Senate President Karen Spilka, at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Transportation. We testified about a bill El inspired, H.3070 *An Act relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification* - which is one of my top legislative priorities this session.

Applying for a driver's license should be an exciting day for all teenagers. However, that excitement is overcome by stress for young people who identify as gender non-binary, as they are forced to make a decision between identifying as either "male" or "female." This legislation would make it possible for residents to choose a third gender option, "X," when being issued state identification - whether it be a state driver's license, a learner's permit, an identification card, or a liquor purchase identification card. This legislation would also prohibit the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) from requiring documentation for such designation.

El's testimony was impassioned and meaningful, and taught all of us that this legislation is about ensuring that every single person in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts feels welcomed and accepted.



METCO Lobby Day

METCO Lobby Day is one of my absolute favorite days of the year at the State House. METCO is one of the most successful voluntary school desegregation programs in the country, serving about 3,300 families annually in 37 suburban communities throughout the Commonwealth - including Natick and Sherborn in my district.

METCO is a model for the rest of the country and a critical asset in our effort to narrow education inequality in Massachusetts. We must continue to advocate for adequate funding and resources to ensure this vital program remains vibrant in our Commonwealth.

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Kennedy Middle School Groundbreaking

I was excited to be in Natick on March 27 for the groundbreaking on the new Kennedy Middle School! The building will include a four-story academic core, including spaces for teachers to collaborate with each other. It will also include a 500-seat auditorium, a full-sized and half-sized gymnasium, a fitness center, and labs for students to participate in hands-on learning.

I look forward to continue working with the Town of Natick to make sure we adequately address the ever increasing enrollment in the Natick Public Schools. Ensuring our children are in the best possible learning environment is a top priority, and I am excited to watch the new Kennedy Middle School project progress!



Universal Background Checks

I was honored to be a featured speaker at the American College of Physicians Advocacy Day at the State House. The MA Chapter of the ACP has chosen my bill H.2092, *An Act relative to universal background checks for private gun sales*, as one of their legislative priorities.

H.2092 closes a dangerous loophole in the Massachusetts gun laws that allows people who do not pass a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to purchase a gun through a private seller. This loophole has the potential to be exploited by individuals who may pass a state background check, but not a national one, thus allowing them to purchase a firearm without immediate detection.

Universal background checks are commonsense. They are easy, convenient, and impose almost no burden on law-abiding gun purchasers. This legislation is not aimed at removing guns from law-abiding gun owners, but rather to ensure that people looking to commit violence are not able to take advantage of a loophole in our laws to do so.



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