



## The Case Against Governor Baker's Reelection - September 3, 2018

**Massachusetts needs and deserves a better Governor.** Despite Baker's claim of managerial expertise, his record shows that he is an ineffective manager. Baker is first and foremost a Republican; his actions make it clear that he supports policies of President Trump and right-wing Republicans. Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts (PDM) has compiled extensive evidence of all of this in [\*The Baker Dossier: The Case Against Governor Baker's Reelection\*](#), which is available at PDM's website: <https://www.progressivedemsofmass.org/>.

### Examples of Governor Baker's incompetent management are rife throughout state government:

- **State Police Scandals:** Fraudulent overtime pay, among other scandals, at the State Police.
- **Patronage:** Patronage at multiple agencies despite Baker's campaign promise to end this.
- **Transportation:** Unacceptable road and mass transit performance across the state.
- **State budget:** Mismanagement of the budget led Standard & Poor's to downgrade the state's bond rating for the first time in 30 years.
- **Mismanagement of computer systems and data:** Multiple inappropriate releases of sensitive personal data.

### Examples of Governor Baker's right-wing Republican policies and his attempts to hide them include:

- **Hides from the public and press:** Has failed to hold a single, public, face-to-face meeting with voters in four years, dodges reporters, and has been conspicuously absent from public rallies.
- **Right-wing Republican:** Appointed President of MA chapter of the National Rifle Association (NRA) as the Commissioner of Dept. of Fish and Game.
- **Gun violence prevention:** Has waffled on support for Massachusetts's ban on assault weapons and copycat versions of them.
- **Public education:** Has seriously underfunded K-12 education, early education and care, and public higher education while supporting diverting public school funding to charter schools.
- **Energy and the environment:** Has jeopardized the growth of solar power generation by undermining its finances and supporting the fossil fuel industry.
- **Public health:** Has repeatedly proposed cutting 140,000 adults off Medicaid.
- **State budget:** Opposes the Fair Share Amendment (aka the Millionaires' Tax) that would raise about \$2 billion for education and transportation systems in the state.
- **Campaign fundraising:** Circumvents state campaign finance laws by fundraising with the Republican National Committee, allowing contributions of \$43,800 instead of \$1,000.
- **Vulnerable populations:** Facilitates draconian anti-immigrant policies and practices of Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency.
- **Criminal justice:** Is preparing legislation to reinstitute the death penalty in Massachusetts, as well as mandatory minimum sentences for some non-violent drug crimes.
- **Right-wing Republican:** Actively supports MA right-wing candidates who oppose marriage equality and LGBTQ rights, and support defunding of Planned Parenthood.