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Call upon your State Representative and State Senator to co-sponsor the following pieces of legislation!

Survivor Rights

An Act Relative to Bereavement Leave ([H.1961/S.1205](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Chris Worrell, Sen. Liz Miranda

An Act Relative to Bereavement Leave ([H.1879/S.1145](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Sean Garballey, Sen. Michael J. Barrett

Committee: Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development

Although the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides job and benefits protection for 56% of the United States workforce, bereavement is not an eligible condition for both job or wage protection. These two bills would allow those who suffer the death of a loved one to take time to grieve without the additional worry that it will result in job loss.

An Act to enhance the rights of crime victims in the Commonwealth ([H.1458/S.944](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, Sen. Julian Cyr

Committee: Joint Committee on the Judiciary

This bill amends [Chapter 258B](#) of the Massachusetts General Laws, updating the definition of a family member, clarifying who needs to be notified of sentencing and case disposition, and sets up a commission to study victim impact.

Justice Reform

Expanding juvenile diversion eligibility for low-level offenses ([H.1495/S.940](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem

Committee: Joint Committee on the Judiciary

This bill expands a judge's ability to divert a young person out of the criminal justice system and into another program, with more supportive services and without creating a juvenile record.

An Act to promote public safety and better outcomes for young adults ("Raise the Age")([H.1710/S.942](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. James J. O'Day, Rep. Manny Cruz, Sen. Brendan P. Crighton

Committee: Joint Committee on the Judiciary

This bill raises the age at which a young person is considered an adult in the eyes of the justice system, keeping 18-20 year olds in the juvenile justice system where they receive more developmentally appropriate and supportive services.

An Act relative to expungement of juvenile and young adult records ([H.1451/S.936](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Marjorie C. Decker, Rep. Kay Khan, Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem

Committee: Joint Committee on the Judiciary

This bill eases the process for individuals with juvenile records to have their record expunged, removing barriers and providing more opportunities for young people to thrive.

Gun Violence Prevention

An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws ([HD.4420](#))

Lead sponsors: Rep. Michael Day

This comprehensive gun reform bill addresses issues of gun violence prevention, such as gun licensing, ghost guns, extreme risk protection orders, data collection, and more.