Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses – H.632/S.706
• Campus sexual violence must be effectively addressed to create a safe environment for all students and promote equal access to education, which are essential for maximizing the potential of young people.
• H.632/S.706 require higher education institutions to adopt a policy regarding sexual violence that meets key criteria and to make it available to all students, faculty, and staff.
• We recommend passing H.632/S.706 to:
  o reduce instances of sexual violence through training
  o make it easier, safer, and more private to report instances
  o provide a clear pathway to resolution of reported instances.

Preventing Bicyclist Fatalities and Making Streets Safer – H.2877/S.1905
• Bicyclists are at risk on Massachusetts streets: In 2015, 12 cyclists were killed and over 100 were incapacitated.
• We support H.2877/S.1905, which mandate life-saving truck guards, make Massachusetts “hands-free”, and make commonsense improvements to road safety laws.

An Act automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud – H.2091/S.373
• U.S. Census data shows that, nationwide, less than 54% of eligible voters 18 to 24 years of age were registered to vote in 2012 and that no more than 46% were registered in the years of any recent non-presidential elections.
• We support all measures that increase student engagement in the political process, so we strongly support automatic voter registration.

An Act establishing election day registration – S.371
• In Massachusetts, voters must register 20 days before an election.
• This is unnecessary when modern digital technology and networks allow nearly instantaneous processing of identification and paperwork.
• We urge you to pass S.371, An Act establishing election day registration, which would eliminate the twenty-day cutoff and allow eligible voters to register any time on or before Election Day.

Protecting Student Privacy – H.158/S.991
• We support H.158/S.991 because students should not be forced to share account credentials or social media connections with anyone, including their universities.

Global Entrepreneur in Residence (GEIR) Pilot Program – Budget Line 7002-1509
• The GEIR Program is an extremely cost-effective economic engine. 25 GEIRs have founded 18 new companies, created 218 new jobs, and secured $118 million in investments in Massachusetts.
• We recommend that the Commonwealth maintain funding in FY18 for the Global Entrepreneur in Residence Pilot Program at least at the current $100,000 level.