

# The Civil Rights Coalition



Welcome to Beyond the Ballot for FFL and Clubs

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30PM



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## Who We Are

- A coalition of organizations and advocates working to protect civil rights in Massachusetts

## What We've Accomplished

- Led the *FightbackMA* signature campaign in 2024

## Our Objective

- Repeal Chapter 135
- Restore Second Amendment rights
- Ensure the voices of Massachusetts constituents are heard



# Meet the Team

- Toby Leary - Chairman
- Kevin Dube - Treasurer
- John Mawhinney - Chief of Staff
- John Milligan - Campaign Manager
- Kerrie Ann Auclair - Director of Woman's Advocacy
- Wayne Adams - Director of Public Engagement, Sportsmen's Club Liaison
- Bill Bachant - Director of Public Engagement, Firearms Industry Liaison
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# Tonight's Discussion

- Overview of the November ballot question
- Why FFLs and clubs are important partners
- Available resources and support
- Timeline from now to Election Day
- Questions and next steps



# Overview of November 3 Ballot Question

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## Vote

### Vote NO

- Same/similar language as the 2024 Ballot Signature Drive

## Ballot

Ballot question number to be assigned by state by mid-summer

- State will have around 10-12 ballot questions this year

## Goal

Goal: Repeal Chapter 135

- Similar language to the 2024 signature campaign



# Why FFL's and Clubs Matter

- Trusted voices within the firearm community
- Direct connection to firearm owners and members
- Key partners in sharing accurate information
- Participation is completely voluntary



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Wayne Adams

# Coalition Partners

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# Organizations working toward the same objective include:

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Gun Owners Action League (GOAL)  
Massachusetts Conservation Alliance  
County Sportsmen's Leagues  
MA Statewide FFLs  
Regional Conservation Alliances  
Other 2A Advocacy Organizations  
Women For Gun Rights (WGR)



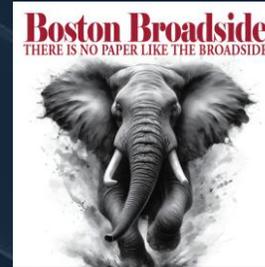
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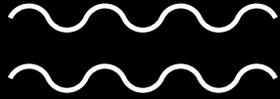
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- MASS GOP
- MASS Unenrolled Voters
- Nationally Known Podcasters/Bloggers
- Regional Newspaper





### Civil Rights Coalition

- Ballot committee focused on repealing Chapter 135
- Public education and voter outreach
- Supporting the 2026 ballot effort

### GOAL

- [www.goal.org/gunban](http://www.goal.org/gunban) (overview)
- <https://www.goal.org/registrationsregs>
- <https://www.goal.org/lawseminar>

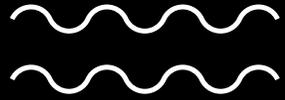


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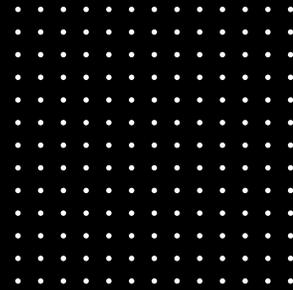
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Advocacy & Legislation ▼ Events & Training ▼ GOAL News ▼  
Juniors GOAL Legal ▼ GOAL Store 250th American Celebration  
Log In 2026 Annual Meeting Process

### Chapter 135 Breakdown

GOAL has done its best to take the worst and most convoluted attack on the Second Amendment in modern U.S. History and break it down by subject matter.



# MA Group to Keep Chapter 135 on the Books



- <https://www.yesforasafema.com/>
- Partially funded with MA Taxpayer dollars
- Partially funded with the usual...
  - Giffords
  - Everytown
  - Mom Demand Action
  - etc

# MASSACHUSETTS GUN LAW & REFERENDUM TIMELINE

Key Events Leading to the Ballot Question on Repealing Chapter 135



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## Key Firearm Policy Developments

1. Presented Firearm Safety Listening Tours for public input
2. HD.4420 evolved into H.4885 after several versions
3. H.4885 passed House 124–33 and Senate 35–5
4. Signed into law as Chapter 135, Acts of 2024
5. Filed referendum petition called 'People's Veto.'
6. Organized a fast petition drive with 100,000+ signatures
7. Required certified signatures submission by October 9, 2024
8. Voters to decide law's fate in November 2026 election

# Resources & Materials

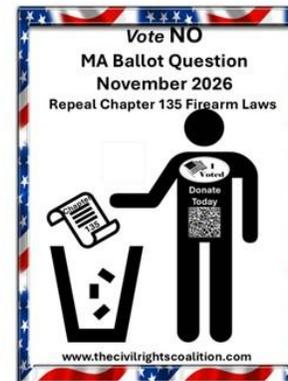
- Email templates
- Printable flyers
- Social media graphics
- Talking points and FAQs
- Communication guidance

# Available Support and Materials



- Website [www.thecivilrightscoalition.com](http://www.thecivilrightscoalition.com)
- Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/thecivilrightscoalition>
- Email: [thecivilrightscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:thecivilrightscoalition@gmail.com)
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# Save the Dates



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## Save the Dates

Get Involved, Be Informed  
Civil Rights Coalition (CRC)  
[thecivilrightscoalition.com](http://thecivilrightscoalition.com)

- **March 14**, Marlboro Fish & Game, 1-5PM, Volunteer Kickoff Rally
- **March 21**, Cape Gun Works, Hyannis,
- **March 26**, Carver Sportsman's Club, 6-8PM, CRC Fundraiser
- **April 25**, Worcester DCU, MA GOP Convention
- **April 26**, Foxboro Renaissance, GOAL Annual Meeting, 9am-1PM
- **May 30**, Chicopee, NE 2A CCRKBA Conference, 9-5
- **June 13**, Boxboro Regency Hotel, GOAL 2A Rally & USA 250th
- ..... more events statewide to be planned
- Plus **twice a month Zoom evening calls**,
- sign up, **starts on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM....**
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- **November 3**, your town election, VOTE NO to Repeal Chapter 135

# CCRKBA May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – NE States



For more details and to purchase  
Tickets, \$25 pp

<https://ccrkba.org/fac/>

New England Firearms Advocacy Conference  
Saturday, May 30 , 9:00 am – 4:30 pm  
1599 Memorial Dr, Chicopee, MA, 01020  
Castle of Knights

Join like minded 2A advocates at the New England Firearms Advocacy Conference where together some of the top minds and staunchest advocates from the New England states to discuss legislation, litigation, lobbying, and more! Speakers are to include Second Amendment giants, legislators, attorneys, and content creators. Participants will be provided coffee, pastries, and lunch as well as a program packed with quality presentations and speakers.

<https://ccrkba.org/2026/02/12/new-england-firearms-advocacy-conference-scheduled-for-may-2026/>



# Next Steps and Next Zoom Call



- Call to action – lots to do to get 1.5M+ voters into the booth
  - Register to vote ; family too; talk to your neighbors
  - Help organize CRC speakers to be at club events
  - Volunteer to help post materials in social media, cub bulletin boards, newsletters, etc
  - Walk printout materials into FFLs, establish voter resource areas with CRC materials, for starters, and amplify the MCA program with lawn signs and bumper stickers
  - Signup for the CRC Newsletter
- Donate
- Host a regional CRC fundraiser
- Next Zoom Call Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:30pm

CRIMINALS DON'T REGISTER GUNS



# Questions and Answers

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