

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

May 9, 2013

His Excellency Deval L. Patrick, Governor  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
State House, Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick,

We write to you today regarding certain 9C cuts you rendered last December for Fiscal Year 2013 and our desire for you to restore this vital funding.

Although we understand that making these cuts is well within your authority, this legislature worked diligently in Conference Committee, and provided you with a compromise of our priorities and the funding we saw necessary for programs and agencies to operate and meet these obligations.

As you probably very well know, communities across Massachusetts are counting on funding so that they may provide necessary services to our constituents. As such, below is a chart which reflects the 9C reductions we would like to have restored.

### FY13 9C - Accounts Affecting Local Aid

Account	Description	9C Amount
1231-1000	Water and Sewer Rate Relief Payments	(\$500,000)
1410-0400	Veterans' Benefits	(\$1,300,000)
1599-1705	June 1, 2011 Tornados	(\$1,300,000)
2511-0100	Department of Agricultural Resources Administration*	(\$335,000)
7035-0005	Homeless Student Transportation	(\$5,250,000)
7035-0006	Transportation of Pupils - Regional School Districts	(\$1,000,000)
7061-0012	Circuit Breaker - Reimbursement for Special Education	(\$11,500,000)
7061-9010	Charter School Reimbursements	(\$1,000,000)
8900-0001	Department of Correction**	(\$2,200,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(\$24,385,000)</b>

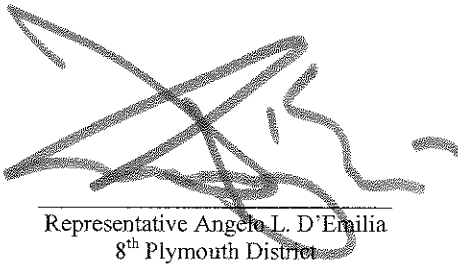
\*Includes Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) prevention

\*\*Includes prison mitigation for host communities

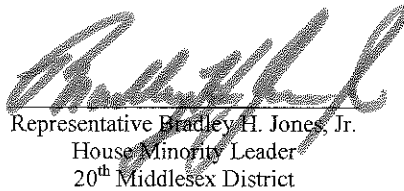
Furthermore, Year-to-Date tax revenue collections through April are \$510 million above the revised benchmark. In fact, had the benchmark not been revised in December, the Commonwealth would be \$56 million over original projections. As you alluded to when filing House Bill 3451, a \$119.3 million supplemental budget for fiscal 2013, Massachusetts has "sufficient revenues" to support additional spending. With this incredible turnaround in revenues, now is the time to restore the cuts which so negatively impacted our communities.

Thank you for your time and deliberation over this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

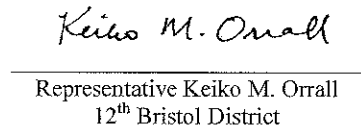
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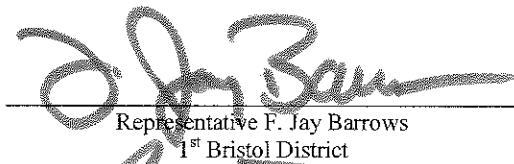
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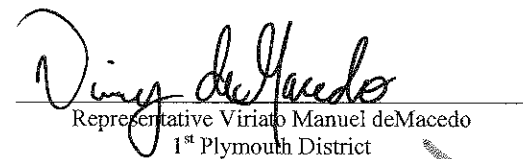
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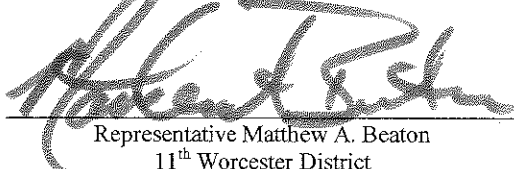
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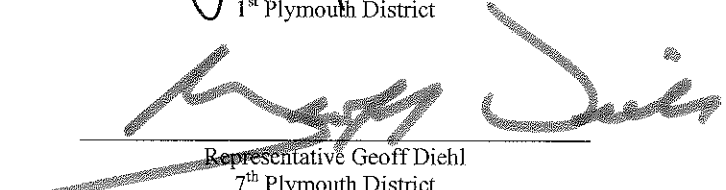
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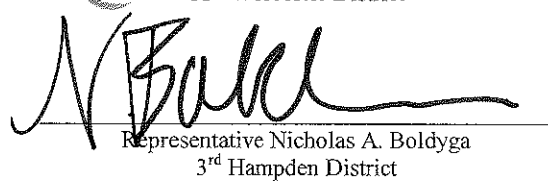
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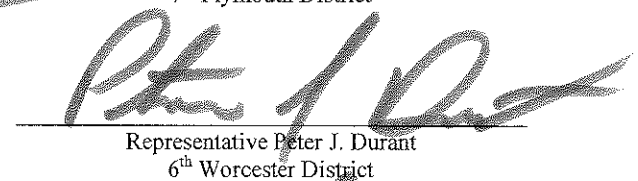
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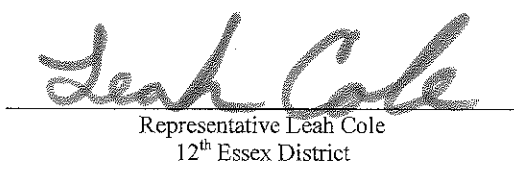
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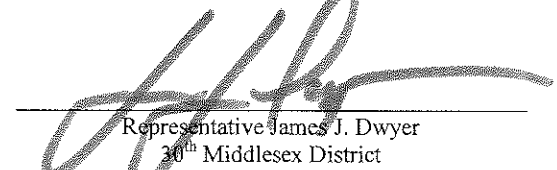
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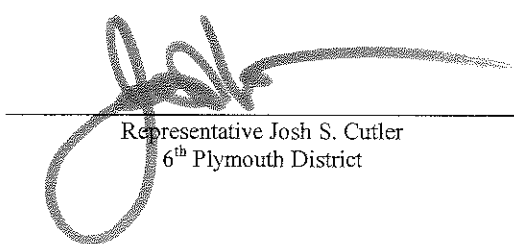
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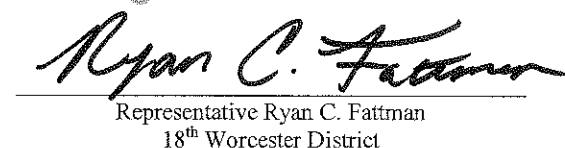
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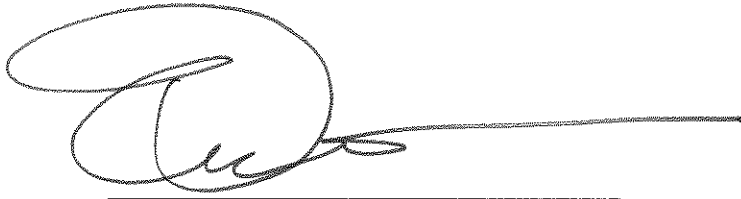
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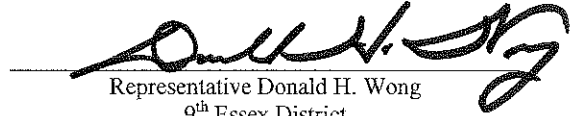
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