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www.MassFiscalScorecard.org Updated with New Scores *19 Lawmakers at 100%, 2 Democratic & 17 GOP*

Boston, MA: Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance has updated its scorecard to reflect the roll call votes that took place late last week. The votes include the tech tax repeal and the failed attempt in the Senate to repeal a provision for automatically increasing the gas tax based on inflation.

After the updated votes, 19 lawmakers received a 100% rating, including 2 newly elected Democratic House members: Carole Fiola & Daniel Donahue. The remaining 17 lawmakers are Republicans, of whom 14 are in the House: Jim Lyons, Lenny Mirra, Marc Lombardo, Keiko Orrall, Peter Durant, Shaunna O’Connell, Matt Beaton, Geoff Diehl, Ryan Fattman, Nick Boldyga, Todd Smola, Kevin Kuros, Leah Cole & Don Humason. The other 3 are the current Republican senators, Bruce Tarr, Bob Hedlund, and Richard Ross.

The highest scores for Democratic members in the Senate are James Timilty at 83%, Kathleen Ives at 72% & Michael Rush at 61%. Other than Reps. Donahue and Fiola, the highest scores for Democratic House members are Colleen Garry at 62%, James Dwyer and Dennis Rosa at 50%. Three lawmakers continue to earn a 0% rating: Angelo Scaccia, Robert Fennell and William “Smitty” Pignatelli.

"The legislature should be applauded for repealing the tech tax, but as we can see through these scores, the legislature has a long way to go if they want to improve Massachusetts' image as a friendly state to do business," stated Paul D. Craney, Executive Director of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. **"The same week the legislature voted to repeal the tech tax, they failed to repeal the indexing of the gas tax to inflation. More can always be done to increase Massachusetts economic competitiveness and we hope going forward lawmakers will be more aware of the image they project for the rest of the state,"**

"The private sector spends countless time and energy trying to lure business into the state and it's time lawmakers did more to help our job creators," concluded Craney.

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