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### STATEMENT OF KRISTINA EGAN ON GOVERNOR PATRICK'S VISION FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

"Tonight Governor Patrick took a huge step forward towards addressing the transportation problems that have been holding back our economy for too long. He gave us a bold vision as to how we can create a stronger commonwealth and more opportunity for all people of Massachusetts.

"Transportation is the key to moving Massachusetts forward. We need to make transportation investments in every corner of the commonwealth in order to connect people to jobs, improve the quality of our lives and protect our environment.

"Now is the time to invest in transportation; not just for today but for tomorrow, not just for us but for future generations.

"We need stable sources of revenue that are locked in for transportation and invested with discipline year after year. Our transportation problems are growing worse, with closed and restricted roads and bridges, dangerous traffic, old and deteriorating buses and trains. All revenue options should be on the table and fully explored by the legislature.

"Every year we put this off, it becomes more expensive to fix. It's clear: if we don't invest now, the problem will only grow worse, and our kids will pay the price for our inaction."

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