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The Honorable Carlo P. Basile
House Chair, Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House, Room 174
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Michael F. Rush
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House, Room 504
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Basile, Chairman Rush & Members of the Committee:

I am writing to voice my support regarding **H. 3211/S. 1750**, *Resolutions Referendum on a Budget for All*, filed by Representative Carl Sciortino, Jr. and Senator Daniel Wolf, of which I am a co-sponsor.

This bill would prevent cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans benefits, or to housing, food and unemployment assistance. By investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy and transportation, this bill would both create and protect jobs. This bill would also help the long term federal deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000. In redirecting spending to domestic needs, the bill would lower the military budget, which would contribute to the ending of war in Afghanistan and the safe homecoming of US troops.

We have an obligation to ensure that our Commonwealth's recent economic progress is not reversed by possible federal cuts. These cuts threaten the Massachusetts's economic recovery and throw the state budget into deficit again. This bill is beneficial for the economic well being of our residents, the Commonwealth's economy, and the country.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I respectfully request that the Committee adopt a favorable report for H. 3211/S. 1750 as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,


Kay Khan