



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

July 30, 2013

Senator Michael F. Rush
Senate Chairman
Room 519

Representative Carlo P. Basile
House Chairman
Room 254

Dear Chairmen Rush and Basile,

I write today in support of the "Budget for All" resolution, S. 1750.

The voters have clearly spoken in support of this resolution. In State Senate districts overlapping every part of the 8th Suffolk District, this resolution passed with overwhelming margins. Beyond Boston and Cambridge, this resolution passed in every city and town where it was on the ballot.

Cuts in Washington are projected to have a severe impact on the services that so many of our residents count on and could force the Commonwealth to spend further in order to maintain these programs as we know them today. Indeed, the severe cuts target the vulnerable in our community. Furthermore, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated in a recent report that sequestration could prevent the creation of up to 1.6 million new jobs in the next year.

Congress should take action to prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, housing, food, and unemployment assistance. By passing this resolution, we can make it clear where Massachusetts stands: opposed to austerity and in favor of investing in our communities.

I hope that the Committee will join me and so many of our colleagues by supporting this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Livingstone".

Jay Livingstone
State Representative
8th Suffolk District