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Chairman Michael F. Rush
Chairman Carlo P. Basile
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House Room 174
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Rush and Chairman Basile,

I am writing to request respectfully that your committee give a favorable report to H.3211, the "Budget for All" resolution of which I am a co-sponsor.

Last November, voters in 91 Massachusetts cities and towns had the opportunity to vote on the "Budget for All" referendum, which sets out important principles on federal taxation and spending. In every instance, they strongly endorsed it. In my two communities of Watertown and Cambridge, the margin of support was 4 to 1.

These results clearly show the priorities and values of Massachusetts residents when it comes to the federal budget. They prioritize investment in manufacturing, education, housing, renewable energy, transportation and infrastructure. They care about protecting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits and housing, food, and unemployment assistance. They want to see the federal budget stabilized by closing tax loopholes, insisting wealthy Americans pay their fair share, and redirecting excessive military spending to domestic needs.

H.3211, the "Budget for All" resolution, is an opportunity to express the Legislature's strong endorsement of these same priorities and values. Massachusetts is a prime example of how to strengthen the economy and communities by investing in the building blocks of prosperity and maintaining the social safety net. By passing H.3211, we will reflect the will of our constituents and bolster the case for a federal budget that will be good for Massachusetts and the entire country. I respectfully ask that you give it favorable and timely consideration.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hecht".

Jonathan Hecht
State Representative