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

Representative Carlo B. Basile, Chair
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House Room 174
Boston, MA 02133

RE: S.1750/H.3211, Resolutions Budget for All

Dear Chairmen Rush and Basile,

I write in support of Senate Bill 1750 and House Bill 3211, *Resolutions Budget for All*, and ask that the Committee give these bills a favorable report.

The bills call on the United States Congress, as well as the President of the United States, to pass a budget that does not cut Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's benefits, housing, food, and unemployment assistance. These programs are among the most essential federal programs and provide help for all Americans in need, but especially the most vulnerable among us: seniors, children, and the poor.

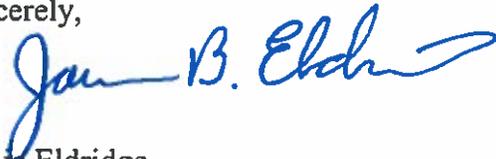
The bills also ask for a federal budget that will promote jobs by investing in manufacturing, education, housing, renewable energy, and transportation. With thousands of Americans still out of work, including many in the Commonwealth, we should support the creation of jobs and prepare a workforce ready to take them.

The bills ask for new revenues by closing unfair tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000. Finally, the bills call for Congress to redirect military spending to domestic needs, by ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing our troops home in a safe and timely manner.

These four common sense goals were resoundingly endorsed by voters in 91 cities and towns at the November 2012 elections.

I respectfully request that you give these bills a favorable report. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie B. Eldridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jamie Eldridge

State Senator

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