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The Honorable Stephen M. Brewer
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Brewer:

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my budget priorities for the FY15 budget. I would like to highlight the following priorities as my top priorities:

- 1) Complete the overdue effort reduction and downpayment aid schedules in the Chapter 70 funding formula, for an increase of \$50.6 million;
- 2) Fund the Special Education Circuit Breaker account fully, with an allowance for inflation;
- 3) Fund the Department of Conservation and Recreation fully;
- 4) Increase funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation; and
- 5) Expand and increase access to quality early education, and improve quality for early educators.

In addition to these top priorities, I wish to highlight the line-items below, which are of particular importance to me and my constituents. I will provide you with a supplemental list of priorities closer to the time the Senate deliberates the budget, once I have heard from more constituents.

0321-1504 CPCS
0321-1510 Private Counsel



0321-2000 MHLAC
0321-2100 Prisoners' Legal Services
0640-0300 Massachusetts Cultural Council
1410-0250 Homeless Veterans
1599-6901 Human Services Salary Reserve
2200-0100 DEP Administration
2210-0105 Office of Technical Assistance
2300-0100 Division of Ecological Restoration
2511-0100 DAR Administration
2810-0100 State Parks and Recreation
2810-2041 DCR Retained Revenue
3000-4050 TANF Related Child Care
3000-4060 Part of Income Eligible Child Care
3000-5000 Head Start
3000-7000 Children's Trust Fund
3000-7050 Parent-Child Home Program
4000-0005 Youth Violence Prevention
4000-0051 Family Resource Centers
4000-0300 Unaccompanied Youth
4000-0600 Health Care Service for Senior MassHealth Members
4003-0122 Citizenship for New Americans Program
4120-2000 Vocational Rehabilitation Services
4120-3000 Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Employment Assistance
4120-4000 Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission- Independent Living (including Assistive Technology)
4120-4001 Affordable Housing Registry
4120-6000 Traumatic Brain Injury
4125-0100 Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
4401-1000 Employment Services Program
4401-1000 Young Parents Program
4403-2119 Teen Living Shelter Program
4510-0600 Environmental Public Health Services
4510-0710 Health Care Quality and Improvement
4510-0810 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program
4510-1000 DPH Critical Operations and Essential Services
4512-0103 HIV/AIDS
4513-1020 Early Intervention
4513-1130 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Services
4516-1000 Hinton State Laboratory Institute
4530-9000 Teen Pregnancy Prevention
4590-0250 School-Based Health Centers
4590-1506 Youth Violence Prevention Grants
4800-0016 DCF Transitional Employment Program
4800-0038 Young Parent Support Program
4800-0040 DCF Family Support and Stabilization Account
4800-1400 Support Services for People at Risk of Domestic Violence
5011-0100 Department of Mental Health
5056-0000 Adult Mental Health Services
5095-0015 Community-Based Mental Health Services
5911-1003 Department of Developmental Services
5911-2000 DDS Transportation

5920-2000 Residential Services
5920-2010 State-Operated, Community-Based Adult Homes
5920-2025 Community-Based Day and Work Programs
5920-3000 Family Support
5920-3000 Respite Family Supports
5920-3010 Children's Autism Medicaid Waiver/Services
5920-5000 Turning 22
5930-1000 Facilities for Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities
5948-0012 Access to Support DESE-DDS
5982-1000 Templeton Retained Revenue
7000-9406 Braille and Talking Book Library in Watertown
7002-0012 Youth At-Risk Grants
7003-1206 Massachusetts Service Alliance
7003-1206 Workforce Funding for Homeless Individuals
7004-0102 Homeless Services for Individuals
7004-0104 Home and Healthy For Good
7004-0108 HomeBASE
7004-1000 Low income Home Energy Assistance Program
7004-3036 Housing Consumer Education Centers
7004-3045 Tenancy Preservation Program
7004-4314 Expansion of supportive housing
7004-9005 Public Housing Operating Subsidy
7004-9024 MRVP
7004-9030 Alternative Housing Voucher Program
7004-9316 Residential Assistance for Families in Transition
7006-0011 Foreclosure Prevention
7009-9600 Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment
7030-1005 Reading Recovery
7010-0012 METCO
7027-0019 School-to-Career
7035-0002 Adult Basic Education
7061-0012 Access to Support DESE-DDS
7061-9412 Expanded Learning Time
7061-9611 After School and Out-of-School Time Quality Grant
7061-9626 YouthBuild
7061-9634 Mentoring Matching Grants
7061-9634 Mentoring Program
7066-0015 Workforce Development Grants to Community Colleges
7066-0021 Tuition and Fee Waiver for foster care youth account (eligibility should not be contingent on a FAFSA analysis)
7066-1300 Completion Incentive Grants
7070-0065 Massachusetts State Scholarship Program
8000-1800 Jail Diversion Program

8100-0111 Shannon Grants
9100-1500 Enhanced Community Options Program
9110-1604 Expansion of supportive housing
9110-1630 Home Care Services
9110-1633 Care Management Services for Home Care Clients
9110-1634 Homemaker Salary Reserve
9110-1636 Protective Services
9110-1638 Workforce Training
9110-1700 Homeless Elders
9110-1900 Elder Nutrition Program
9110-9002 Councils on Aging
xxxx-xxxx Funding new line item for resident service coordinators in new or existing
developments to help tenants with modest incomes maintain housing stability and
maximize their independence
xxxx-xxxx Funding new line item for fuel assistance

- Transfer \$25 million in end-of-year budget surplus to Community Preservation Trust Fund
- Include S1139, An Act reducing health care costs through extraordinary medical placement, in an outside section of the budget

Thank you very much for your consideration of these items.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached by phone at 617-771-8274 or by email at willbrownsberger@gmail.com.

Respectfully,


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