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March 31, 2014

The Honorable Karen E. Spilka
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House
Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Spilka,

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my thoughts on the FY16 budget.

As I mentioned in the meeting, my overriding concern this year is to have a transparent, responsible budget. The following are my top personal priorities but they are all less important to me than having a credible budget.

I would like to highlight the following, as my top priorities:

- 1) Complete the overdue effort reduction and downpayment aid schedules in the Chapter 70 funding formula, for an increase of \$40.5 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) Substantially increase funding for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation;
- 5) Fund Charter School Reimbursements fully; and
- 6) Fund Kindergarten Development Grants fully.

The line-items below are additional items which are of importance to me and my constituents:

0321-1504 CPCS Attorney Salaries and Related Programs
0321-1510 Private Counsel Compensation and Related Programs
0321-2000 Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee



1599-6903 Chapter 257 Reserve
2000-0101 Climate Change Adaptation and Preparedness
2200-0100 Department of Environmental Protection Administration
2300-0100 Department of Fish and Game Administration
2511-0100 Department of Agricultural Resources Administration
2810-0100 State Parks and Recreation
2810-2042 Department of Conservation and Recreation Retained Revenue and Related Programs
3000-4050 TANF-Related Child Care and Related Programs
3000-4060 Child Care Access and Related Programs
3000-5000 Grants to Head Start Programs and Related Programs
3000-7000 Healthy Families Home Visiting Program and Related Programs
3000-7050 Family Networks and Related Programs
4000-0005 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative and Related Programs
3000-4040 Birth through Pre-School and Related Programs
4000-0051 Family Access Centers
4000-0300 Exec. Office Health and Human Services
4000-0600 MassHealth Senior Care
4003-0122 Low-Income Citizenship Program
4110-1000 Community Services for the Blind
4110-3010 Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind
4120-2000 Vocational Rehabilitation for the Disabled
4120-3000 Employment Assistance
4120-4000 Independent Living Assistance for the Multi Disabled and Related Programs
4120-4001 Accessible Housing Registry for Disabled Persons
4120-6000 Head Injury Treatment Services and Related Programs
4125-0100 Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
4401-1000 Employment Services Program and Related Program
4403-2119 Teen Structured Settings Program
4510-0600 Environmental Health Assessment and Compliance
4510-0710 Health Care Quality and Improvement
4510-0810 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner & Pediatric SANE and Related Programs
4510-0100 Public Health Critical Operations and Essential Services
4512-0103 HIV/AIDS Prevention Treatment and Services and Related Programs
4512-0201 Substance Abuse Step-Down Recovery Services
4513-1020 Early Intervention and Related Programs
4513-1130 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention
4516-1000 State Laboratory and Communicable Disease Control Services
4530-9000 Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program
4590-0250 Smoking Prevention and Cessation Program Expansion and Related Programs
4590-1506 Youth Violence Prevention Grants and Related Programs
4800-0016 Transitional Employment Program (Roca)
4800-0038 Services for Children and Families (Foster Care/Adoption) and Related Programs
4800-0040 Family Support and Stabilization and Related Programs
4800-1400 Support Services for People at Risk of Domestic Violence and Related Programs
5011-0100 Department of Mental Health Administration and Operations

5042-5000 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Related Programs
5046-0000 Adult Mental Health and Support Services
5047-0001 Emergency Services and Mental Health Care and Related Programs
5095-0015 Inpatient Facilities and Community-Based Mental Health
5911-1003 Dept. of Developmental Disabilities Administration and Related Programs
5911-2000 Transportation Services
5920-2000 Community Residential Supports and Related Programs
5920-2010 State-Operated Residential Supports and Related Programs
5920-2025 Community Day and Work Programs
5920-3000 Respite Family Supports for the Developmentally Disabled
5920-3010 Autism Division
5920-5000 Turning 22 - Dept. of Developmental Services
5930-1000 State Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled
5982-1000 Templeton Developmental Center Farm Product Sales Retained Revenue
7000-9406 Talking Book Program Watertown
7002-0012 YouthWorks and Related Programs
7003-1206 Massachusetts Service Alliance and Related Programs
7004-0100 Caseworkers for Homeless Families and Individuals
7004-0101 Emergency Assistance - Family Shelters & Services and Related Programs
7004-0102 Homeless Individuals Assistance and Related Programs
7004-0104 Home and Healthy for Good Program and Related Programs
7004-0108 HomeBASE
7004-1000 Supplemental Funding for Low Income Residents' Utilities
7004-3036 Housing Services and Counseling
7004-3045 Tenancy Preservation Program
7004-4314 Service Coordinators Program
7004-9005 Subsidies to Public Housing Authorities
7004-9024 Mass. Rental Voucher Program - MRVP
7004-9030 Alternative Housing Voucher Program
7004-9322 Secure Jobs Pilot
7004-9316 Residential Assistance for Families in Transition
7006-0011 Loan Originator Administration and Consumer Counseling Program
7009-9600 Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment and Related Programs
7030-1005 Reading Recovery and Related Programs
7030-1002 Kindergarten Development Grants
7010-0012 METCO
7027-0019 School-to-Career Connecting Activities and Related Programs
7035-0002 Adult Basic Education
7061-9412 Extended Learning Time Grants
7061-9611 After-School and Out-of-School Grants
7061-9626 Youth-Build Grants
7061-9634 Mentoring Matching Grants
7066-0015 Workforce Development Grants to Community Colleges and Related Programs
7066-0021 Foster Care and Adopted Fee Waiver
7066-1300 Completion Incentive Grants
7070-0065 Massachusetts State Scholarship Program

7100-0700 Office of Dispute Resolution
8100-0111 Shannon Grants
9110-1604 Supportive Senior Housing Program
9110-1630 Elder Home Care Purchased Services
9110-1633 Elder Home Care Case Management and Administration
9110-1636 Elder Protective Services
9110-1700 Elder Homeless Placement
9110-1900 Elder Nutrition Program
9110-9002 Grants to Councils on Aging
xxxx-xxxx Funding new line item for fuel assistance

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: william.brownsberger@masenate.gov

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William N. Brownsberger".

William N. Brownsberger
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