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State Senator William N. Brownsberger
State House Room 504
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Senator Brownsberger,

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I am writing to you to express our concern that the State provide adequate funding to support major capital improvements and repairs at public housing, including those under the control of the Belmont Housing Authority.

Failure to provide adequate state formula funding for capital improvements and repairs requires Towns, such as Belmont, to use limited resources from the Community Preservation Act or other sources to fund capital projects for its Public Housing Authority.

Over the last three years Belmont has allocated approximately \$1 million to support electrical upgrades for Belmont Housing Authority units. While Town Meeting has supported these allocations, it has been noted by many Town Meeting Members that it appears that the State is shifting its fiscal responsibility to municipalities to fund capital improvement of public housing.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you focus your attention on this matter and keep these concerns in mind moving forward.

Very Truly Yours,

Sami S. Baghdady, Chair

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Cc: Chrystal Kornegay, Undersecretary, Department of Housing and Community Development