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Michael J. Rodrigues  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State House - Room 212  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Rodrigues,

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my thoughts on the FY22 budget.

Above all else, my top priority is to dedicate enough resources to ensure that we are able help individuals impacted by the COVID-19 recession meet their basic needs.

My top district priorities are increasing education aid and funding for the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Related to the conversations around police reform, I was approached by advocates to file budget language to study how many and what type of 9-1-1 calls could be diverted to social service and behavioral health responders instead of law enforcement. I have included their draft as "Attachment A" to this letter. I hope that this or similar language could be included in the Senate budget.

Additionally, I am requesting that two of my district priorities from prior budgets receive PACs. I have included information about each item as "Attachment B" to this letter.

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

0321-2000 Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee  
0321-2100 Prisoners' Legal Services  
0640-0300 Massachusetts Cultural Council  
1410-0250 Assistance to Homeless Veterans  
1595-0115 Civics Project Trust Fund  
1599-6901 Human Service Salary Reserve and Related Programs  
1599-6903 Chapter 257 Reserve  
2200-0100 Department of Environmental Protection Administration  
2210-0105 Toxics Use Retained Revenue and Related Programs  
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  
3000-2050 Children's Trust Fund and Related Programs  
3000-4040 Birth through Pre-School and Related Programs  
3000-4050 TANF-Related Child Care and Related Programs  
3000-4060 Supportive and TANF Childcare  
3000-5000 Grants to Head Start Programs and Related Programs  
3000-7000 Healthy Families Home Visiting Program and Related Programs  
3000-7050 Services for Infants and Parents  
3000-7070 Reach Out and Read Program  
4000-0005 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative and Related Programs  
4000-0007 EOHHS Youth Homeless Program  
4000-0051 Family Access Centers  
4000-0300 Exec. Office Health and Human Services  
4000-0500 MassHealth Managed Care  
4000-0600 MassHealth Senior Care  
4000-0700 MassHealth Fee for Service Payments  
4003-0122 Low-Income Citizenship Program  
4110-1000 Community Services for the Blind  
4110-3010 Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind  
4120-0200 Independent Living Centers  
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  
4400-1001 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Administration - HIP  
program  
4401-1000 Employment Services Program and Related Program  
4403-2119 Teen Structured Settings Program  
4408-10000 EAEDC Elderly, Disabled, Children  
4510-0100 Public Health Critical Operations and Essential Services  
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  
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  
4590-0925 Prostate Cancer Research Program  
4590-1506 Youth Violence Prevention Grants and Related Programs  
4590-1507 Youth at Risk Matching Grants  
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  
7000-9101 Board of Library Commissioners  
7000-9401 State Aid to Regional Libraries  
7000-9406 Talking Book & Machine Learning  
7000-9406 Talking Book Program Watertown  
7000-9501 State Aid to Public Libraries  
7000-9506 Library Technology & Resource Sharing  
7000-9508 Mass. Center for the Book  
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  
7004-2033 Fuel assistance  
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  
7004-9316 Residential Assistance for Families in Transition  
7004-9322 Secure Jobs Pilot  
7006-0011 Loan Originator Administration and Consumer Counseling Program  
7009-9600 Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment and Related Programs  
7010-0012 METCO  
7027-0019 School-to-Career Connecting Activities and Related Programs  
7030-1002 Kindergarten Development Grants  
7030-1005 Reading Recovery and Related Programs  
7035-0002 Adult Basic Education  
7061-0009 Chapter 70 Aid  
7061-0012 Special Education Circuit Breaker and related programs  
7061-9010 Charter School Reimbursement and related programs  
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  
7066-0009 New England Board of Higher Education  
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  
8200-0222 Municipal Recruit Training Program Fee Revenue  
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

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](mailto:william.brownsberger@masenate.gov)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William N. Brownsberger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William N. Brownsberger  
STATE SENATOR

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Draft FY22 Budget Language

EOHHS and Medicaid Administration

Line Item #4000-0300

Provided further, that not less than \$XXX,000 shall be expended for the executive office, in collaboration with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPPS), to conduct an analysis of 911 calls for service and the disposition of such calls to determine how many calls and what types of calls may have been diverted to social service and behavioral health responders instead of law enforcement. Such a review shall combine Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) data with a review of police incident reports and any other information collected and maintained by police departments to determine the true nature of calls for service and assess the dispatch protocol and disposition of the call for service. Dispositions of interest include: arrest; involuntary hospitalization under Section 12; transport to Emergency Department; Emergency Service Provider and/or transport to a Crisis Stabilization Support program; and a category of no disposition in which an individual was not transported off-site. To the extent possible, data will be stratified by age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The executive office shall cause such a pilot to be conducted, reviewing at least one year of records from at least three police departments with variation of geography, city/town demographics, size, and density. The executive office shall submit a report to the Clerks of the House and Senate by December 31, 2021 with findings and recommendations.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **PAC Items**

#### **IHOP Rotary Traffic Study:**

As most recently amended by Section 35 of Ch. 124 Of the Acts of 2020:

*SECTION 35. Said item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 41, as most recently amended by said section 51 of said chapter 142, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “such studies”, inserted by section 50 of chapter 142 of the acts of 2019, the following words:- ; and provided further, that such funds for said traffic analysis, feasibility study and the design of improvements of the system of intersections along Nonantum road, Soldiers Field road and Birmingham parkway between Brooks street and Western avenue in the city of Boston shall be made available until June 30, 2021.*

#### **Youth Services Funds:**

Item 4590-1507 of section 2 of chapter 225 of the Acts of 2020:

*provided further, that not less than \$160,000 shall be expended to provide youth services for residents of the Commonwealth Development and Faneuil Gardens apartments in the Brighton section of the city of Boston, to be administered by the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation in said Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended to provide youth services for residents of the Alice Heyward Taylor Apartments in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston, to be administered by the Whittier Street Health Center Committee Incorporated in said Roxbury section of the city of Boston;*