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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 share my priorities for the FY24 budget.

My highest priorities for this budget session are below:

- Support the MBTA's recovery in every way possible.
- Address special education cost increases by increasing funding to the tuition portion of the FY24 reimbursements for the FY23 expenses by 14% (without reducing reimbursement amounts in future years).
- Fully fund the Student Opportunity Act with appropriate adjustments for high inflation rates.
- Provide direct relief to people in acute economic distress, especially assistance for affordable and accessible housing.
- Provide adequate pay scales for people working in human services and early education programs.
- Send a strong message of support to DCR by offering strong funding this year and also increase the position cap to assure that DCR has the flexibility to hire.
- Provide targeted funding for building energy improvements, including a neighborhood level electrification pilot and a study of refrigerant leakage.
- Achieve equitable pay for sheriffs across the Commonwealth through the budget.

Additionally, if it is procedurally feasible, I would like the budget to include funding and/or organizational language for a Correctional Inspector General.

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

- 0320-0003 Supreme Judicial Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0320-0010 Supreme Judicial Court Clerk’s Office – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0321-2000 Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
- 0322-0100 Appeals Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0330-0101 Superior Court Justice Salaries – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0330-0300 Central Administration of the Trial Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0331-0100 Superior Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0333-0002 Probate and Family Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0334-0001 Land Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0336-0002 Housing Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0337-0002 Juvenile Court – Address Court Pay Raises
- 0321-2100 Prisoners’ Legal Services
- 0640-0300 Massachusetts Cultural Council
- 1410-0250 Assistance to Homeless Veterans
- 1595-0115 Civics Project Trust Fund
- 1599-0105 Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder – Expand to all counties
- 1599-6901 Human Service Salary Reserve and Related Program
- 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

7009-6600 Early Education

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

7066-0019 Concurrent & Dual Enrollment Programming (CDEP)

7066-0021 Foster Care and Adopted Fee Waiver

7066-1300 Completion Incentive Grants

7066-9600 Higher Education for Youth with Disabilities

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

Sincerely,

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

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STATE SENATOR