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Dear Colleagues in the United States Congress,

As members of the Massachusetts State Senate, we write to express our strong support for the ongoing effort in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to uphold the constitutional role of Congress in decisions that commit American servicemembers to hostilities overseas.

Recent military actions in and around Iran—which were undertaken without advance authorization from the people’s elected representatives—underscore why it is imperative that this body reaffirm Congress’s constitutional authority to declare war and authorize the use of military force.

The framers of our Constitution entrusted this critical responsibility to the legislative branch to ensure that decisions of such magnitude reflect the collective judgment of the people and their representatives, not unilateral executive action.

We commend the bipartisan group of Senators and Representatives who have introduced and are advocating for a war powers resolution that would require Congressional approval before the United States engages in further hostilities with Iran or expands current operations. Such a resolution is not only consistent with our constitutional structure but is also necessary to prevent needless escalation and protect the lives of American service members, six of whom have died already.

Supporting this war powers resolution is a reaffirmation that national security is best preserved when military action is governed by constitutional principles and robust Congressional oversight. We urge Members of Congress to support this resolution, to return to session if necessary, and to vote in favor of restoring Congress’s rightful authority over decisions that could draw the United States into an expanded war.

We respectfully request your continued commitment to this effort and stand ready to amplify your message from Massachusetts, reinforcing that constitutional governance and accountable leadership are essential to American democracy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William N. Brownsberger".

**William N. Brownsberger**  
President Pro Tempore

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen E. Spilka".

**Karen E. Spilka**  
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