



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

May 18, 2011

Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director
Group Insurance Commission
P.O. Box 8747
Boston, MA 02114-874

Dear Director Mitchell,

We are writing on behalf of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District regarding their enrollment in the Group Insurance Commission program. In an effort to bring forth a balanced budget, they have identified significant potential cost savings by leaving the GIC. This course of action is one that is supported by the school committee, administration and employee unions. We respectfully request a solution that allows the district to leave the agreement at the earliest possible date. Today's times require all of us to act with greater urgency to address unprecedented challenges. As the district works to finalize its budget, we request your careful attention to this matter.

Given today's fiscal challenges, there is a need to be flexible and supportive of ideas and actions that meet the challenge of providing quality, affordable health insurance while balancing community needs. We appreciate your review of this matter and leadership to address this challenge facing the Athol-Royalston Regional School District.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen M. Brewer".

STEPHEN M. BREWER

*State Senator
Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Andrews".

DENISE ANDREWS
*State Representative
Second Franklin District*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Bastien".

RICHARD BASTIEN
*State Representative
Second Worcester District*