



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

January 13, 2012

The Honorable John Kerry
United States Senator
18 Russell Bldg., Second Floor
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kerry,

We recognize and thank you for your continued support in the effort to bring increased funding for heating assistance to Massachusetts' most vulnerable citizens during these cold winter months.

However, as you know, cuts to this program have left a significant reduction in assistance compared to this time last year. For FY11 Massachusetts received assistance totaling \$175,103,814 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The majority of this funding was awarded in January last year. Comparatively, Massachusetts has received just \$99,510,033 at the writing of this letter. This is a dangerous cut during the coldest months of winter when Massachusetts seniors and working poor families need assistance most.

While additional funding had been appropriated, it has not yet been released by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The release of this funding could mean an additional \$33 million for Massachusetts. There has been no state contribution to this program since 2008 due to the fiscal situation. However, there may soon be a significant supplemental appropriation which would help alleviate a portion of the federal cuts. However, the need is still great. We urge you and your colleagues to continue working diligently on this crucial, timely issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan Rosenberg".

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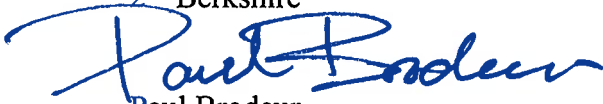
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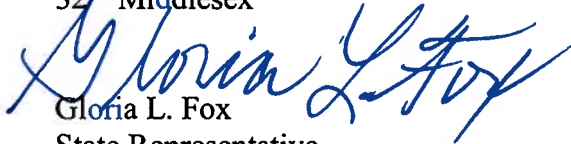
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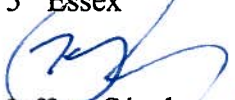
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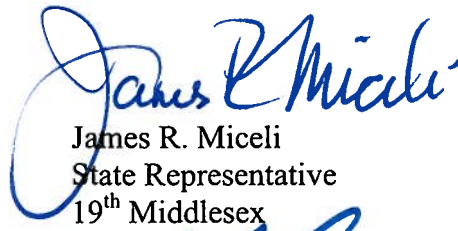
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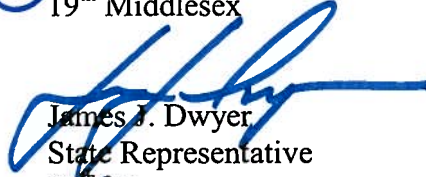
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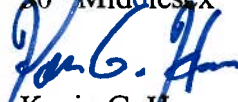
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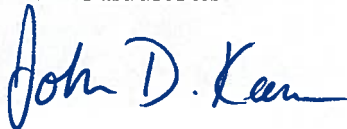

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