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The Honorable Michael F. Rush, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House Room 504

The Honorable Carlo P. Basile, House Chair
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House Room 174

Dear Honorable Committee Chairs,

I write as a cosponsor in support of **S.1750, *Resolution Budget for All***, a petition that reflects the values and needs of the people of Massachusetts and, on their behalf, directs Congress to responsibly invest in our future.

This last November, residents in 91 Massachusetts cities and towns voted by an average margin of 3 to 1 in favor of a ballot question that sent a very clear message to Washington: we need to create and protect jobs, avoid funding cuts to vital programs, end corporate tax breaks, and bring our troops home from Afghanistan. As we observe the implications of the Budget Control Act – the so-called sequester cuts – on our communities, it is clear that we can no longer wait to chart a path to responsible deficit reduction while supporting real job creation and taking care of our seniors, our veterans, and families who are struggling.

Massachusetts is a leader in asking tough questions, making difficult decisions and forging policy solutions that are both compassionate and fiscally responsible. We value teachers and construction workers as much as venture capitalists and CEOs, and we know that our economic strength and competitiveness derives from the strength of the middle class, the health of our communities and the excellence of our education system.

Passage of *Resolution Budget for All* would send a strong signal to the U.S. Congress, calling for a responsible federal spending plan that supports an individual's ability to secure a job with a

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living wage, a family's ability to afford a home, a student's ability to attend college, and a senior's ability to sustainably enter his or her golden years without fear of losing health care or vital social security benefits.

I thank you for your consideration and respectfully request that you support the values and voices of the people of Massachusetts by releasing this bill favorably from committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Katherine Clark
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