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Representative Carlo Basile
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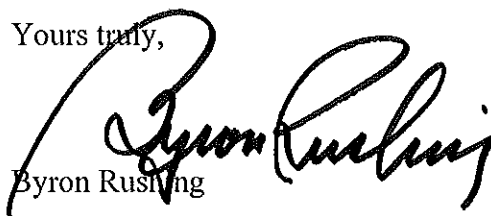
Dear Chairman Basile,

I am writing in support of H. 3211/S. 1750, *Resolution on a Budget for All*, which is before the Committee today. I am a co-sponsor of these bills.

These resolutions, if passed, would have the General Court call upon the President and the United States Congress to prevent cuts to social security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment assistance, and other social assistance programs; to create and protect jobs in related to education, transportation, and other public services; to raise new revenues through closing corporate tax loopholes and increasing taxes on the nation's highest earners; and to redirect military spending to support domestic programs. As you know, Massachusetts voters in 91 cities and towns passed a similar non-binding ballot referendum in November 2012. I believe it is important to send a message to Congress about the importance of protecting domestic jobs, adequately funding social programs, and directing revenues to our most important domestic priorities.

I urge the Committee to report H. 3211 and S. 1750 favorably, and thank the Committee for its careful consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,



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Senator Dan Wolf