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Senator Michael F. Rush  
Senate Chairman  
Room 519

Representative Carlo P. Basile  
House Chairman  
Room 254

Dear Chairmen Rush and Basile,

I am writing to echo the sentiments of many individuals who appeared at the hearing today to testify in support of the "Budget for All" bill, S. 1750, that I have sponsored.

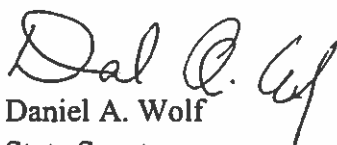
This bill reflects what the people of Massachusetts have already indicated they want – a resolution calling upon Congress and the President to pass a budget that protects poor, working and middle class families. This resolution was placed on the ballots of 91 Massachusetts cities and towns in November 2012. It passed in all of these cities and towns. The average margin was 3 to 1, with 623,128 individuals voting in favor of it.

The resolution specifically calls upon Congress to prevent cuts to important programs such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans benefits, and housing food and unemployment assistance. The resolution also asks Congress to do more to create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation and other public services. The resolution further specifies that Congress should fund these programs and reduce the deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes and raising taxes on the highest earners in our society, those who can afford to pay more in taxes.

With sequestration in effect, it is particularly important that we let Congress and the President know the budget priorities of the citizens of Massachusetts. Currently, as a result of sequestration, funding for many important programs in Massachusetts, such as Head Start, has been slashed. This year in Massachusetts 1,359 fewer children will receive Head Start services compared to last year. Congress should not be balancing the budget on the backs of children who are in need of services, when we have the ability to raise funds by closing corporate tax loopholes and raising taxes on high-income individuals.

As a state legislature, we do not have the ability to vote on the Congressional budget. But we can make the voices of the citizens of Massachusetts heard on this issue that affects so many in our Commonwealth by passing this bill. I hope that the Committee will join me in supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan A. Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Daniel A. Wolf

State Senator

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