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Senator Michael F. Rush, Chairman
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House – Room 504
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Carlo P. Basile, Chairman
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House – Room 174
Boston, MA 02133

RE: H3211, A Resolution memorializing the Congress to take certain actions concerning national budgetary matters.

Dear Chairman Rush and Chairman Basile:

I am writing to express my full support for **H3211**, a resolution requesting Congressional support for a “Budget for All,” and to respectfully request that your committee grant the bill a favorable report.

If enacted, this legislation would call upon Congress and the President to heed the will of the voters as expressed at the ballot box. Last November, 91 communities across our Commonwealth voted to support the “Budget for All.” The Budget for All represents both a fiscally and morally responsible path forward by closing corporate tax loopholes, protecting our social safety net, and redirecting scarce resources to investments in infrastructure, technology, and education.

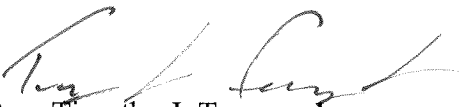
H3211 calls upon the federal government to reprioritize domestic programs, to put the men and women who have served our country at the forefront of our national security budget, and to create a simpler, fairer tax code. In a time of diminished federal aid to the states and deep, painful cuts in vital social services, the most fortunate American people and institutions have continued to see larger and larger bottom lines. H3211 specifically

asks Congress and the President to close tax loopholes, crack down on the use of foreign tax havens, raise income taxes on the wealthiest among us, and invest in the schools, roads, and energy sources that will strengthen our economy over the long run. With these changes in the federal budget and tax code, we can also preserve programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and veterans' benefits for generations to come.

The Budget for All expresses the will of the voters and presents a fiscally responsible roadmap for an American economic renaissance. I respectfully request that the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs report H3211 favorably. I would be happy to discuss this legislation further or answer any questions you or your staff may have about the intent and impacts of the bill.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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