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The Honorable Michael Rush, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House, Room 504
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The Honorable Carlo Basile, House Chair
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs
State House, Room 174
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Rush, Chairman Basile, and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1750 *Resolutions Budget for All* and to respectfully request a favorable report from the Committee.

Last November, 91 cities and towns across the state voted to approve the "Budget for All" policy question on the ballot. This question, reflected in Senate Bill 1750, calls on the legislature to urge the President and Congress to implement meaningful budget reforms that will prevent cuts to essential social services, invest in new and existing infrastructure, redirect military spending, and close tax loopholes. The across-the-board cuts imposed by the sequester are having serious and immediate consequences on our most vulnerable citizens. Congress must take steps to ease these effects and implement a responsible budget that responds to the needs of our citizens who are still hurting from the recession.

I hope that you will consider issuing a favorable report on Senate Bill 1750. Please feel free to contact me or my office if you would like additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen E. Spilka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Senator Karen E. Spilka
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