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MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

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June 6, 2017

Greetings!

Last Thursday, House and Senate Leadership named the six members of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Conference Committee, who are tasked with working out the differences between the House

and Senate budget recommendations. (See their respective \$40.8 billion recommendations here: [House Bill 3601](#) and [Senate Bill 2076](#).) The House conferees are [Representative Brian Dempsey](#) of Haverhill, Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; [Representative Stephen Kulik](#) of Worthington, Vice Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; and [Representative Todd Smola](#) of Warren, the Ranking Minority Member of the House Committee on Ways and Means. The Senate conferees will be [Senator Karen Spilka](#) of Ashland, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; [Senator Sal DiDomenico](#) of Everett, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; and [Senator Vinny deMacedo](#), the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The conferees began meeting yesterday, and will meet throughout the month of June to move closer to finalizing the Legislature's recommendations for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1st. Unfortunately, the conferees will be working with updated, [lower consensus revenue estimates](#), which mean lower appropriations for many line items.

Please join the Coalition in asking your State Representative and Senator to weigh in with the conferees in support of the [strongest possible budget for homelessness prevention, housing, and benefits programs](#). **Here are our [Conference Committee requests](#) (PDF) and a link to our [online Conference Committee budget chart](#).** You also can advocate directly with the conferees. To find your legislators' contact information, please go to <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>. The conferees' contact information is available by clicking on their names above.

If you have any feedback from your State Representative and Senator, please [share it with us](#). Please also let me know if you have any questions and check [this page](#) for more details, links, and fact sheets. Thank you so much for your continued support and advocacy!

With gratitude,
Kelly and the Coalition team

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FY'18 State Budget

Conference Committee members
have been named!

Representatives:

Brian Dempsey, Stephen Kulik, and Todd Smola

Senators:

Karen Spilka, Sal DiDomenico, and Vinny deMacedo

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