

January 23, 2018

Greetings!

Please take action today and tomorrow to support the \$1.7 billion housing bond bill, An Act financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents (currently [House Bill 4134](#); originally filed by Representative Kevin Honan and Senator Linda Dorcena Forry). *This bill is set to be debated by the Massachusetts House of Representatives tomorrow, January 24th.*

Please sign and share this [one-minute action](#) to your State Representative asking them to support the overall bill and to cosponsor three important homelessness-related amendments filed by Representative Marjorie Decker of Cambridge: Amendments [#33](#), [#34](#), and [#35](#).

[Amendment #33](#) seeks to protect the right of families to file in-person applications for Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter and ensure that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) does not close any more local office sites or establish a 100% telephonic application system.

[Amendment #34](#) seeks to re-establish a rent and mortgage arrearage program under the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) so as to provide upstream homelessness prevention resources for elders, people with disabilities, unaccompanied youth, families with children, and other households.

[Amendment #35](#) seeks to require DHCD to approve otherwise eligible families for EA shelter resources without requiring families to first stay in places not meant for human habitation.

Please sign and share this action today! [Take action here.](#)

[Read more about the housing bond bill](#) on the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) website.

Thank you for your swift response and collaboration. We will be back in touch later this week with updates on the housing bond bill, as well as details on Governor Baker's FY'19 budget recommendations, which also are set to be released tomorrow.



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With gratitude,

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Join the **Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless** for **Legislative Action Day 2018**

Hosted by Representative Jim O'Day
Tuesday, February 27th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Great Hall, Massachusetts State House
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