



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Committed to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home

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## Thank You for Your Commitment to Ending Homelessness and for Supporting Our Annual Legislative Action Day

Now it is time for next steps to keep up the momentum!

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### Greetings!

Thank you for your work throughout the year to ensure that everyone in the Commonwealth has a safe, permanent, and warm place to call home, all year-round. We were so pleased that 296 of you joined the Coalition and our host, Representative Jim O'Day, for this year's [Legislative Action Day](#), which was held on March 3rd at the State House. You came and you spoke up for housing and homelessness prevention resources, and you met with legislators and staff members throughout the State House.

The day featured powerful testimonies and a call to action from families, youth, and adults who have experienced homelessness and housing instability, and talks from legislators and community leaders. We focused on key [budget](#) and [bill priorities](#). The meetings with legislators and their staff were key components to the day. As each of our legislative speakers underscored, your advocacy and sharing your personal story of why you care are so critical to making changes to address and end homelessness.

Please see below for next steps-- for those who made it to Legislative Action Day and participated in the call-in day, and for those unable to attend. **We hope you will take a minute to sign our new online letter to legislators, [available here](#).** First, it will ask for your zip code and then basic contact information, before sending a message to your State Senator and State Representative.

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We are deeply grateful for your presence and commitment!

-Kelly

Kelly Turley

Director of Legislative Advocacy



### Next Steps for Participants

- \*\* Please sign our [new online letter action](#) to your State Representative and Senator, outlining our FY'17 budget priorities. \*\*
- Complete a [legislative response form](#) for each meeting you participated in with legislators and staff.
- Thank your legislators and staff for taking the time to meet with you, and reiterate your top requests with their offices.

### Weren't Able to Make It to Legislative Action Day or Participate Remotely?

- It's not too late to weigh in to help shape the FY'17 state budget. We encourage you to take a few minutes this week to call your State Representative and Senator to express your support for the Coalition's [budget](#) and [bill priorities](#). Ask your State Senator and State Representative to actively support these priorities throughout the FY'17 budget process and remaining months of this bill session. Legislators' contact information can be found at [www.malegislature.gov/people/search](http://www.malegislature.gov/people/search) or at [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com).

- \*\* Please also sign our [online letter action](#) to your State Representative and Senator, outlining our FY'17 budget priorities.\*\*
- Interested in participating in a meeting in the district or at the State House with your legislators? Reach out to Hannah, and we can set up meetings for you. Hannah can be reached at [hannahmahomeless@gmail.com](mailto:hannahmahomeless@gmail.com) and 781-595-7570 x23.

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