

## **Cosponsor and support these amendments to address Massachusetts' housing needs.**

### **Rental Assistance**

- **#1263 – Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) (Rep. Vanna Howard)**  
Increases funding to \$270 million for approximately 800 new vouchers.
- **#1402 – Alternative Housing Voucher Program (AHVP) (Rep. Rob Consalvo)**  
Modernizes AHVP to make the vouchers easier to use and administer.
- **#1509 – Housing Assistance for Re-Entry Transition (Rep. Chyna Tyler)**  
Increases funding to \$5 million for housing assistance for individuals exiting incarceration.
- **#883 - Department of Mental Health (DMH) Rental Subsidy Program (Rep. Sean Garballey)**  
Increases the allocation to \$21.548 million for housing people experiencing homelessness and disabling mental health conditions.
- **#1 – Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) (Rep. David LeBoeuf)**  
Improves RAFT by eliminating the requirement for a notice to quit or utility shutoff to access benefits to allow for more upstream access to benefits. Also requires EOHLC to establish criteria for demonstrating that a household is experiencing or is at risk of homelessness.
- **#1276 – Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) (Rep. Marjorie Decker)**  
Improves RAFT by increasing the 12-month benefit cap to \$10,000, provides direct payment to tenants of unresponsive landlords, authorizes forward rent payments and stipends, and moves access to benefits more upstream by eliminating requirements for imminent eviction or utility shutoff.
- **#435 – HomeBASE (Rep. Christine Barber)**  
Improves the HomeBASE program by increasing benefit caps for recipients and making it easier for families experiencing housing challenges to access benefits.

### **Public Housing**

- **#731 and #1351 – Public Housing (Reps. Paul McMurtry and David Biele)**  
Increases funding to \$119 million to provide more for the operation and maintenance of the 43,000 homes provided by public housing.

### **Homeownership**

- **#983 – Saving Toward Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) (Rep. Christopher Worrell)**  
Provides \$500,000 for STASH to support first-generation homebuyers through matched savings.



### **Fair Housing**

- **#1534 – Fair Housing Trust (Rep. Dave Rogers)**  
Provides \$4 million for the Trust to support activities to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination.
- **#654 and #1256 – Fair Housing Centers (Reps. Patricia Duffy and Christopher Hendricks)**  
Provides \$150,000 for the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center and \$75,000 for the South Coast Fair Housing Center to support the vital work of addressing housing discrimination.

### **Program Administrative Line**

- **#1631 – EOHLC Administration (Rep. Chris Markey)**  
Increase administrative funding for EOHLC to \$22.2 million to support the work of the Office in addressing Massachusetts' housing needs.

### **Housing Stability**

- **#1401 – Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCECs) (Rep. Rob Consalvo)** Restores proposed cuts to HCECs with funding of \$8.974 million to provide critical support for people experiencing a range of housing challenges.
- **#1649 – Healthy Homes Program (Rep. Shirley Arriaga)**  
Provides \$5 million to address issues such as mold, lead, and asbestos to keep people in their homes and improve the quality of aged housing stock.
- **#851 – Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) (Rep. Andy Vargas)**  
Provides \$42,755 to support TPP and to preserve the line item.
- **#1410 – Surplus Transfer to Community Preservation Fund (Rep. Kassner)**  
Dedicates up to \$20 million from the FY25 surplus to the state match pool for cities and towns that adopt the Community Preservation Act.
- **#285 – First-Time Homebuyer and Foreclosure Prevention (Rep. Samantha Montaña)**  
Restores funding to \$3.05 million to provide a crucial tool that keeps people in their homes when experiencing housing challenges.

### **Homelessness and Supportive Housing**

- **#368 – Home and Healthy for Good (HHG) (Rep. James Hawkins)**  
Increase funding for HHG to \$8.89 million to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness through the successful Housing First model.
- **#1221 – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (Rep. Jim O'Day)**  
Increases funding to \$12 million for housing and services for youth experiencing homelessness.

### **Zoning and Planning**

- **#570 – MBTA Communities (Rep. Brad Jones)**  
Expands the scope of the MBTA Communities Act to include all cities and towns in Massachusetts.

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