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Legislative Alert

Massachusetts Municipal Association

ACT NOW

Contact Your Legislators Today on Critical FY2027 Budget Priorities

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means' fiscal 2027 budget hearings are underway! The Committee will meet several times to consider the Governor's \$63 billion House 2 budget.

In her budget, the Governor is proposing modest increases to key municipal accounts including a 2.5% increase to Unrestricted General Government Aid — far below the support cities and towns need in fiscal 2027.

House 2 also includes problematic outside sections that would change the practice of marking a driver's license and registration for non-renewal for unpaid overdue excise taxes, parking tickets, and abandoned vehicle fees. The MMA strongly opposes these sections, which jeopardize major municipal revenue streams and unnecessarily disrupt a well-established process that encourages timely payments.

Following the Joint Committee hearings, the House and Senate will develop their own budgets with the goal of finalizing a proposal for the Governor's review in June.

Now is the time to contact ***your*** legislators directly to let them know about your community's needs, encourage their support for critical local aid, and oppose the elimination of RMV markings.

Ask your legislators to:

- Prioritize Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA)
 - Outline the need for a targeted boost to UGGA in FY2027
 - Describe how important an infusion of UGGA funding would be, and how a 2.5% increase would not meet the needs in your community
- Fully Fund SOA and Fund Minimum Aid increases at \$150/pupil
 - Support full funding of the Student Opportunity Act and key education accounts and continue funding per pupil minimum aid increases at \$150
 - Describe the growing school funding challenges you're facing in your community
- OPPOSE outside sections threatening municipal revenue collections
 - Strongly **OPPOSE** proposed outside sections that change the RMV marking process and jeopardize critical municipal revenues
 - Describe how important these local receipts are for your community, e.g. motor vehicle excise, especially when managing compounding fiscal pressures

Next Steps

While the MMA lobbies on behalf of all cities and towns this budget season, your direct outreach is needed! A template letter to help with your advocacy efforts is available [here](#).

Please take ten minutes TODAY to call your state legislators about these priorities, and be sure to follow-up with a personalized version of this letter. Your personal outreach to your legislative delegation is invaluable to the state budget process and dramatically helps legislators fully understand the importance of the investments they are making.

For additional support or questions, please contact Senior Legislative Analyst, Adrienne Núñez at ANunez@mma.org.

- Details about the Governor's House 2 proposal are available [here](#).
- Find the MMA's reports about municipal fiscal challenges felt across the Commonwealth and need for additional Local Aid [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for FY2027 Preliminary Cherry Sheets from DLS
- Click [here](#) to see DESE's calculation of fiscal 2027 Chapter 70 aid and Net School Spending requirements for your city, town, or regional school district, based on the Governor's proposed budget and legislation. This landing page also includes preliminary charter school assessments and reimbursements.

Contact Your Legislators Today!

THANK YOU!



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