

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3144**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay D. Livingstone*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions Referendum on a budget for all.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>

<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by resolution, House, No. 3144) of Jay D. Livingstone and others for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to take certain actions concerning national budgetary matters. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3211 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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Resolutions Referendum on a budget for all.

1           Whereas Federal Budget decisions will affect the public good for years to come; and

2           Whereas budget decisions made in Washington have a profound effect on the people of  
3 the Commonwealth; and

4           Whereas on November 6, 2012 voters in 91 cities and towns across Massachusetts have  
5 by large margins expressed their support for a “Budget for All” non-binding public policy  
6 question with the below provisions, and have urged their elected state officials to address  
7 Congress and the President on their behalf;

8           Therefore be it resolved that the Massachusetts General Court hereby calls upon  
9 Congress and the President to:

- 10           1. Prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, or to  
11 housing, food and unemployment assistance;
- 12           2. Create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable  
13 energy, transportation and other public services;
- 14           3. Provide new revenues for these purposes and to reduce the long-term federal deficit by  
15 closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over  
16 \$250,000; and
- 17           4. Redirect military spending to these domestic needs by reducing the military budget,  
18 ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home safely now.