

A Citizen's Petition

FAIR TAXES FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



We petition the Massachusetts Legislature to support a “Fair Taxes For Healthy Communities” approach to resolving our budget crisis. This approach would

1) End unfair state tax burdens on low and moderate income tax payers.

- Reduce tax loopholes used by the wealthiest taxpayers,
- Ensure a fair distribution of the combined state/local tax rate across all income groups.
- Reduce taxes and fees that fall heavily on low and moderate income taxpayers.

2) Adequately fund vital services that are essential for healthy communities, including:

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| •education | •hospitals | •public health |
| •health care | •affordable housing | •transportation |
| •fire, police | •the social safety net | •job training |
| •environmental protection | | |

Inadequate state support for these programs harms our communities, leads to increased property taxes and fees, and greater costs due to health, social & environmental damage.

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