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Representative Christopher Fallon
State House Room 236
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Fallon:

MTA is writing to thank you for your support of the amendment to prevent an increase in the premium share for health insurance for state employees.

For many educators at our public colleges and the University, this would have been an increase of 67 percent in the cost of their health insurance. This would have negated the small salary increase that they received last year.

MTA understands that the state is currently facing a deficit and that the recession may make the next fiscal year even more difficult. However, we believe that there are other options to increasing revenues than asking public employees to take a pay cut. MTA supports closing corporate tax loopholes without opening other ones and raising the cigarette tax which the House recently passed as more appropriate than increasing health insurance premiums.

Again, thank you for your support on this important issue.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Blum".

Joanne S. Blum, Director
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