



Massachusetts
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The Honorable Christopher Fallon
State House, Room 236
Boston, MA 02133

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Dear Representative Fallon:

On behalf of the board and staff of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, I want to thank you for your sponsorship of the Soft Second Loan Program Amendment in the FY2009 House budget. The continuation of this program is only possible because of your leadership and support.


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At a time when a sluggish economy and foreclosures are at the top of the state's agenda, the need for the Soft Second program has never been greater. Over half of our loans in calendar year 2007 were made in the ten cities with the highest foreclosure rates and our lending helps ensure that homes remain owner-occupied and are not lost to speculators or abandoned altogether.

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Please let me know if we can be helpful in making the Soft Second program work more effectively in your district or can assist you on any other matters relating to affordable housing.

Sincerely,


Clark L. Ziegler
Executive Director

MANY THANKS!