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DT: 6 June 2016
RE: Heroux Budget Conference Committee Priorities

Dear Chairman Dempsey,

I ask that during your deliberations that you consider these five requests:

- 1. Horizons for Homeless Children Playspace Program 7004-0101
Filed by Representative Paul Heroux #642 and Senator Linda Dorcea Forry #819
House allotment of \$75,000 and language in Consolidated Amendment E\*
- This program creates developmentally appropriate learning areas for children in 181 emergency shelters across the state to play, and trains volunteers to supervise the children.
2. Chapter 70 Funding Language
Adopt the Senate's amount of \$116 million and language regarding the local contribution and target contribution gap
- Minimum required local contribution for fiscal year 2017 shall be, for any municipality with a fiscal year 2017 preliminary contribution greater than its fiscal year 2017 target contribution, the preliminary local contribution reduced by 70 per cent of the gap between the preliminary local contribution and the target local contribution.
This change results in an increase in CH70 funding for Attleboro, \$35,659,451
3. Foundation Budget Review Commission Recommendations
Filed By Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz Amendment #120
Outside Section
- This would codify the recommended changes to Chapter 70 as recommended by the Foundation Budget Review Commission to take effect on July 1, 2017
4. Regional Transits Authorities 1595-6370
Senate allotment of \$84,100,000
5. On Common Ground 4800-0038
Filed by Representative Poirier Amendment #1012
House allotment of \$20,000

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to these matters.
Sincerely,

Paul Heroux
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\*There was a transcription error between the language of Consolidated Amendment E and H4201 regarding Horizons for Homeless Children. This issue has been brought to the attention of HWM staff.