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The Honorable Brian S. Dempsey, Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Steven M. Brewer, Chairman
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairmen Dempsey and Brewer:

As provided in chapter 150E, section 7(c) of the General Laws, and on behalf of the Governor, I am recommending to you for validation the following collective bargaining agreements, in addition to those already recommended in the Governor's July 11, 2014 supplemental budget (House, No. 4301, section 32) and in additional updated communications from my staff:

- between the University of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Society of Professors Lowell, MTA/NEA, Unit L90;
- between the University of Massachusetts and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888, Unit L95;
- between the University of Massachusetts and the International Brotherhood of Police Office, Local 339, Unit D84;
- between the University of Massachusetts and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Local 507, Unit D82;
- between the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Association/MTA/NEA;
- between the Board of Higher Education and the Association of Professional Administrators, MTA/NEA; and
- between the Board of Higher Education and the American Federation of State and County and Municipal Employees, Local 1067/Council 93.



I am not recommending that you appropriate any additional funds for incremental cost items in these agreements during the current fiscal year, because funds already appropriated are sufficient to pay these costs. Rather, I am recommending that you enact legislation declaring these agreements valid and enforceable for the purpose of Section 7. As you know, this is a procedure that this Administration and the Legislature have followed numerous times over the last several years, because it is now our practice to pay the first-year costs of agreements like these from pre-approved reserves or other existing appropriations in order to promote predictable budgeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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