Support Mass in Motion in the FY18 Budget

Please co-sponsor Rep. Cariddi’s amendment to maintain funding for Mass in Motion in line item 4513-1111

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The Pressing Issue Facing Massachusetts:

- 2 out of 3 Massachusetts adults, and 1 in 4 Massachusetts children are either overweight or obese.
- Obesity is impacted by community conditions that limit access to healthy foods and safe places to be physically active. These conditions especially impact low income communities and communities of color.
- Obesity-related diseases account for a full $3.5 billion in excess health care costs annually in Massachusetts.

The Mass in Motion program is improving health and well-being in communities by:

- Improving school nutrition and building physical activity into the school day.
- Working with restaurants, convenience stores and food pantries to offer healthier food and drink options.
- Improving parks and playgrounds by cleaning up litter, improving lighting and removing graffiti.
- Opening up school and community spaces during the evenings and weekends for physical activity.
- Adopting “complete streets” policies and practices, making it safer and easier for people to walk and bike.

Mass in Motion Works!

Communities that have been participating in Mass in Motion since its inception in 2009 have shown a statistically significant drop in the percentage of overweight and obese school children compared to the state as a whole.

State funding for Mass in Motion is contingent on federal matching funds and leverages private funding.

Amendment Language: Representative Cariddi of North Adams moves to amend the bill in section 2, in line item 4513-1111, by adding after “Allied Disorders, Inc” the following: provided that funding shall be expended for Mass in Motion community grants in an amount not less than expended in fiscal year 2017” and in said item by striking out the figures $3,510,977"and inserting in place thereof the figures $3,929,010."

Mass in Motion works in more than 60 cities and towns, including:

Adams  Everett  Lenox  Northfield  Springfield
Amherst  Fall River  Leyden  Northampton  Stockbridge
Ashfield  Fitchburg  Lowell  Northborough  Sunderland
Belchertown  Framingham  Lynn  Orange  Taunton
Buckland  Gill  Malden  Palmer  Wakefield
Cambridge  Gloucester  Manchester by the Sea  Pittsfield  Warwick
Charlemont  Great Barrington  Marlborough  Revere  Wendell
Chelsea  Greenfield  Medford  Rockport  West Springfield
Clarksburg  Hawley  Melrose  Rowe  Weymouth
Conway  Heath  Monroe  Roxbury  Williamsburg
Deerfield  Holyoke  Montague  Salem  Worcester
Dorchester  Hudson  New Bedford  Shelburne
Eving  Lawrence  New Salem
Essex  Lee  North Adams