

House Budget Amendment Advocacy!

The FY20 House Budget is out and amendments are rapidly being filed (must file by 5 pm today) and the Network is asking you to contact your legislators to request their co-sponsorship of the following amendments (filing deadline is today but they have until end of next week to sign on as a co-sponsor). Contact your legislators ASAP by email or phone (go [here](#) to find your contact info). You can relay the information below to your legislator about how to sign on. Thanks for your advocacy!

The MRVP Amendment #401 (7004-9024) filed by **Representative Paul Donato** to fund MRVP at \$130 million (House Ways and Means – HWM) proposed \$110 million).
Please sign on directly online.

The MRVP Amendment (7004-9024) filed by **Representative Joe McGonagle** to raise the Fair Market Rent levels from 2005 to current standards. *Please sign on directly on line.*

Rent Arrearage Assistance Program (RAAP) (7004-9316) Amendment filed by **Representative Marjorie Decker** to create a \$7 million upstream homelessness prevention pilot program within RAFT. **Please sign on by contacting Akriti Bhambi in Rep. Decker's office at akriti.bhambi@mahouse.gov.**

Youth homelessness amendment (4000-0007) filed by Representative Jim O'Day to increase funding to \$5 million for

housing and wraparound services for unaccompanied youth and young adults experiencing homelessness (HWM funded at \$3.3m). **Please sign on by contacting Alexis Foley in Rep. O'Day's office at alexis.foley@mahouse.gov.**

Secure Jobs amendment (4400-1020) to increase funding to \$2 million (HWM funded at \$1 million) filed by Representative Paul Brodeur. Please sign on by contacting Patrick Prendergrast at patrick.prendergast@mahouse.gov.

Housing Consumer Education Centers (7004-3036) filed by Representative Kevin Honan to increase HCEC funding from \$3.5 million to \$4 million. Please sign on by contacting Kelly Malon in Rep. Honan's office at kelly.mallon@mahouse.gov

Berkshire Winter Overflow Shelter Services (7004-0102) filed by Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier to provide \$150,000 for critical winter emergency shelter services in Berkshire County.

The Western MA Network to End Homelessness Amendment (7004-0102) filed by Representative Lindsay Sabadosa to continue to fund the Network at \$125,000 this year. Contact Rep. Sabadosa at Lindsay.Sabadosa@mahouse.gov.