



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**THE GENERAL COURT**  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 11, 2026

Her Excellency Maura T. Healey  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts State House, Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Healey,

We are writing to express our concern with the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) plan design changes that you have recommended at the next GIC meeting. Your Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommendation includes reducing the GIC budget by \$120 million. The proposed design changes, which will be voted on at the next GIC meeting on February 12, will require hard-working state employees and their families to absorb an unfair share of economic burden.

Last week, you wrote that “this budget is about making life easier and more affordable for Massachusetts residents and businesses,” but the changes being considered at the GIC force state employees to make hard choices for themselves and their families. Higher copays and deductibles mean that many families will have to decide between healthcare and food on the table or heat in their homes. This is contrary to what you are trying to do for all of Massachusetts.

The potential budget savings of this redesign are a mere fraction of the GIC’s \$3 billion budget. It is unlikely to solve any structural deficits, and it will permanently shift costs onto the state workforce. GIC members will be left with a permanent, higher-cost plan design, when instead solutions to a short-term structural deficit or an attempt to reign in healthcare industry costs should be the priority. Future GIC costs could grow exponentially if families put off preventative care, leading to more costly surgeries and treatments in the future. The proposed plan design changes do not consider the expensive long-term impacts of reduced preventative care, which has been proven to lower healthcare cost increases overall.

We respectfully request that you reconsider your position and not change the current plan design structure at the GIC. Given the current economy, we need to ensure that the GIC continues to provide affordable access to high-quality healthcare for our public employees and their families, so that they may continue their high-quality service to our Commonwealth. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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State Representative  
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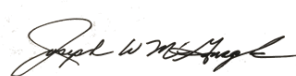
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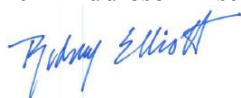
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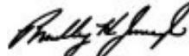
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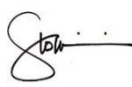
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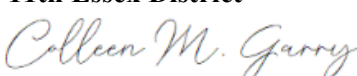
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