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*July 27, 2023*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your prompt consideration a bill entitled “An Act Making Certain Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 Before Final Action on the General Appropriation Bill.”

Section 1 provides the spending authorization to maintain necessary services through August 31, 2023, pending the passage of the General Appropriation Act. This authorization is in addition to that contained in Chapter 15 of the Acts of 2023, the Fiscal Year 2024 interim budget, which was signed into law on June 26, 2023. All actions taken under this section will apply to the General Appropriation Act.

In order to ensure that the Commonwealth will be able to meet its payment obligations without delays, I urge your favorable action on this bill no later than July 31, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

Maura T. Healey,  
*Governor*

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount of  
2           \$6,000,000,000 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to meet  
3           necessary obligations before the enactment of the general appropriation act for that fiscal year,  
4           for the maintenance and operations of the various departments, boards, commissions and  
5           institutions, including federal grant and Intragovernmental Service Fund expenditures, for other  
6           necessary services and for meeting certain requirements of law. This appropriation shall cease to  
7           be operative on the effective date of the general appropriation act and all actions taken under this  
8           section shall apply against that general appropriation act. All expenditures made under this  
9           section shall be consistent with appropriations made in the general appropriation act.

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 31, 2023.