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Rep. Dykema Votes to Protect \$9M in Local Aid

Representative Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston) joined her colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in approving a \$115 million supplemental budget that blocks a proposal to take 1% from the \$899 million unrestricted general government aid account, thus preserving \$9 million.

"Particularly during these tough economic times, I am proud that I was able to stand up for our communities and preserve funding for essential programs supported by local aid," Dykema said. "This funding supports our local police and fire departments, our schools and so many other vital services that keep our communities growing. Maintaining this funding is a top priority as we move into the next fiscal year budget balancing process."

"We applaud the members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for standing with their cities and towns and preserving \$9 million in essential local aid," said Geoffrey C. Beckwith, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

"Communities use these funds to pay for police and fire protection, schools, public works and much more, and this vote by the House is very good news for local citizens and taxpayers all across the state."

The bill is now on the Governor's desk.

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State Representative Carolyn Dykema represents the towns of Holliston, Hopkinton, Southborough and Westborough (pct. 2).