



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING &  
LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Maura T. Healey, Governor ◆ Kimberley Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor ◆ Edward M. Augustus, Jr., Secretary

October 2, 2025

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State House, Room 212 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz  
Chair, House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House, Room 243 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Julian Cyr  
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing  
State House, Room 111 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Richard M. Haggerty  
Chair, House Committee on Housing  
State House, Room 111 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Robyn K. Kennedy  
Chair, Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities  
State House, Room 312-D Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Jay D. Livingstone  
Chair, House Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities  
State House, Room 312-D Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairs Rodrigues, Michlewitz, Cyr, Haggerty, Kennedy, and Livingstone:

Pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2025, we are transmitting to you this plan to divert families from Emergency Assistance (EA) family shelter including, but not limited to, reducing barriers to the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, the HomeBASE household assistance and other shelter diversion programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward M. Augustus, Jr.".

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.  
Secretary