



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 black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Augustus, Jr.".

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Secretary