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Sen. Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
24 Beacon Street, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Rep. Aaron Michlewicz, Chair
House Committee on Ways and Means
24 Beacon Street, Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chair Rodrigues & Chair Michlewicz,

Consistent with Outside Section 215 of the fiscal year 2025 budget, the Board of Higher Education convened a Commission on Higher Education Quality and Affordability (CHEQA) representing a broad cross-section of government, higher education, business, civil rights, and student representative stakeholders.

In the attached final report, we present the five recommendations broadly approved by the Commission members as well as other ideas discussed by members and have endeavored to supply a synthesis of discussions and key materials shared with members. All gatherings of Commission members have complied with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirements and video recordings of those meetings as well as minutes and all materials shared appear on the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education's website.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the attached report or work of the Commission going forward, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best,

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Commission on Higher Education
Quality and Affordability

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cc: Sen. Jo Comerford
Rep. David Rogers