**Amendment Co-Sponsor Requests**

**Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness – Line item 7004-0102** *(Representative Kocot):*  This amendment of $125,000 to the Network is vital to the continuation of the Network's efforts to facilitate regional coordination and implement the Western Massachusetts Opening Doors Plan to End Homelessness.

**Secure Jobs Initiative - Line Item 7004-9322**: (*Representative Wagner*) – This initiative has proven tremendously successful in the Western region and the state in providing homeless families with job opportunity and stable housing.   In order to level fund this initiative and its 7 programs statewide, this amendment will fund these partnerships at $2,000,000.

**Individual Homeless Emergency Shelters:  Line Item 7004-0102** *(Representative Mahoney):*This amendment would increase funding from $43,200,335 to $48,5000 to address the funding gap for Western Massachusetts shelters while serving to better meet the need of all individual emergency shelters statewide.  We are continuing to advocate for an amendment to increase the nightly bed rate to the average of $32/night from the current $25/night and will keep you posted if an amendment to that effect is filed.

**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth** *(Representative O'Day)*: **(1) Amendment to EOHHS administrative line item, 4000-0300:**This amendment would provide $1.5 million for support services to unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, and **(2) Amendment to DHCD administrative line item, 7004-0099:**This amendment would provide $2.5 for housing to unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. Together, these amendments will enable the Commonwealth to fulfill its commitment to better meet the housing and service needs for the increasing numbers of unaccompanied homeless youth across our region and state.

**Tenancy Preservation Project: Line Item 7004-3045** *(Representative Brady):* This amendment will increase funding to the Tenancy Preservation Project from $500,000 to $1 million statewide to provide eviction prevention services to disabled individuals and families.