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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Today we are filing amendments to Chapter 300 of the Acts of 1992. The proposed amendments are in the spirit of that Chapter and are designed to attract important federal facilities to the Commonwealth.

As you may know, this year the United States Department of Defense will make recommendations pursuant to the 1995 base closure and realignment process. This round of base closures is expected to be the largest in the history of our country. A number of bases in the Commonwealth serve as important economic engines. In the case of Hanscom Air Force Base, a closure would represent a severe economic setback for the entire Commonwealth and New England region since Hanscom accounts for over 29,000 jobs and has an economic impact of \$3.1 billion for Massachusetts.

This legislation will make it more attractive for the Department of Defense to consolidate closing military bases onto our bases in Massachusetts rather than closing our bases and sending them elsewhere. The bill provides \$100 million in bond authorizations to improve any military installation in the Commonwealth that is recommended for enhancement or expansion during the base closure process.

The bill would continue our commitment to providing financial support for the DFAS Center planned for Southbridge. The amendments would extend such incentives to bring additional jobs to other military installations in the Commonwealth, including, but not limited to: Hanscom AFB, U.S. Army Laboratory at Natick, Naval Air Station South Weymouth, and Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee.

There are tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars worth of economic development resources at stake in the Commonwealth during this base closure round. The proposed bond authorization would give our congressional delegation a tangible tool to convince the Defense Department to expand our facilities rather than close them. We urge your speedy consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STIMULATING EMPLOYMENT ENCOURAGING THE SITING OF CERTAIN FEDERAL FACILITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the words "economic activity"
3 in clause (4) the following words:— ; the preservation and
4 enhancement of the commonwealth's high-tech economic base.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is hereby amended
2 by deleting section 1A and inserting in place thereof the following
3 new section:—

4 Section 1A. To provide for the projects and expenditures pro-
5 vided for in this act, the secretary of administration and finance is
6 hereby authorized to spend the sum set forth in section two of this
7 act for the several purposes of this act, subject to the conditions
8 specified under the provisions of this act and subject to the provi-
9 sions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the
10 approval thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Item 1599-8000 in section 2 of chapter 300 of
2 the acts of 1992 is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "Southbridge", in line 4, the following words:— or for capital
4 projects to enhance or expand other United States Department of
5 Defense facilities in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. Item 1599-8000 in section 2 of chapter 300 of
2 the acts of 1992 is hereby further amended by inserting after the
3 word "requirements", in line 9, the following words:— , or other
4 United States Department of Defense requirements.

1 SECTION 5. Item 1599-8000 in section 2 of chapter 300 of
2 the acts of 1992 is hereby further amended by inserting after the
3 word "Southbridge", in line 21, the following words:— or enhance
4 or expand other United States Department of Defense facilities in
5 the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 6. Section 3 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "Southbridge" in the
3 definition of "Selected Site" the following words:— , or any United
4 States Department of Defense facility in the commonwealth
5 selected for enhancement or expansion as the result of the 1995
6 base closure and realignment process.

1 SECTION 7. Section 3 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby further amended by inserting after the word "chosen",
3 in line 8, the following words:— including any land or buildings,
4 or interest therein, necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1 SECTION 8. Section 4 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "facilities", in line 4,
3 the following words:— or upon notification by the United States
4 Department of Defense to the base commander or facility admin-
5 istrator of a Department of Defense facility that the facility has
6 been selected for enhancement or expansion as the result of the 1995
7 base closure and realignment process.

1 SECTION 9. Section 4 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby further amended by inserting after the word "require-
3 ments", in line 12, the following words:— or other United States
4 Department of Defense requirements.

1 SECTION 10. Section 4 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Services",
3 in line 6 of paragraph (c), the following words:— or other United
4 States Department of Defense requirements.

1 SECTION 11. Section 5 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by adding after the word "facilities", in line 7,
3 the following words:— or prior to the notification by the United

4 States Department of Defense that facilities in the commonwealth
5 have been selected for enhancement or expansion.

1 SECTION 12. Section 6 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by adding after the word "Government", in line 4,
3 the following words:— , or to any United States Department of
4 Defense contractor performing work for a Department of Defense
5 facility.

1 SECTION 13. Section 7 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by adding after the word "Services", in line 6,
3 the following words:— , the Department of Defense facilities that
4 have been selected for enhancement or expansion, or a Department
5 of Defense contractor performing work for a Department of Defense
6 facility that has been selected for enhancement or expansion.

1 SECTION 14. Section 9 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "Southbridge", in
3 line 3, the following words:— or enhance or expand other United
4 States Department of Defense facilities in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 15. Section 9 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is
2 hereby amended by deleting the word "ninety-four", in line 4, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following word:— ninety-six.

1 SECTION 16. Chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section:—

3 Section 8A. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out
4 the provisions of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon request of
5 the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth, in an
6 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not
7 exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of one hundred million dollars.
8 Said bonds shall only be issued and sold after final approval by
9 the United States Congress of the recommendation of the Depart-
10 ment of Defense to locate said Finance and Accounting Services
11 Facility in the town of Southbridge or after final approval by the
12 United States Congress of a recommendation from the Base
13 Realignment and Closure Commission to enhance or expand other
14 United States Department of Defense facilities in the common-

15 wealth. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall
16 be designated on their face, Federal Facilities Enhancement Act
17 of 1995, and shall be issued for such maximum term of years, not
18 exceeding thirty years, as the governor may recommend to the
19 general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amend-
20 ments to the Constitution of the commonwealth; provided, how-
21 ever, that all such bonds shall be payable not later than December
22 thirty-first, two thousand and thirty. Bonds and the interest there-
23 on issued under the authority of this section, notwithstanding any
24 other provisions of this act, shall be general obligations of the
25 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 17. Chapter 300 of the acts of 1992 is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section:—

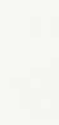
3 Section 8B. The state treasurer may borrow from time to time
4 on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money as may be
5 necessary for the purposes of meeting payments as authorized by
6 this act and may issue and renew from time to time notes of the
7 commonwealth therefor, bearing interest payable at such time and
8 at such rates as shall be fixed by the state treasurer. Such notes
9 shall be issued and may be renewed one or more times for such
10 term, not exceeding one year, as the governor may recommend to
11 the general court in accordance with Section 3 of Article LXII of
12 the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth, but
13 the final maturities of such notes, whether original or renewal,
14 shall not be later than June thirtieth, two thousand and seven.
15 Notes and interest thereon issued under the authority of this act,
16 notwithstanding any other provision of this act, shall be general
17 obligations of the commonwealth.

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