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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

We are filing for your consideration the accompanying legislation entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Consolidation of Military Division Facilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." The legislation makes minor modifications to previous authorizations to facilitate the consolidation of the Massachusetts National Guard Headquarters and the construction of a new armory in Taunton.

We believe the proposal makes solid fiscal sense and puts the Commonwealth in a position to take maximum advantage of on-going and anticipated Federal actions related to the Massachusetts National Guard. Among the proposal's benefits:

- The amounts appropriated under the existing authorizations are sufficient to fulfill the consolidation and construction objectives.
- The Commonwealth can expect a Federal contribution of \$7.5 million towards the estimated \$11.3 million total cost of the new Headquarters armory.
- Upon completion of the Headquarters Armory, the National Guard will be able to surplus five facilities, thereby avoiding \$7.7 million in planned renovations.
- The Commonwealth will be able to capture 100% of the \$2.9 million in Federal matching funds already appropriated and authorized by Congress for the Taunton Armory.
- Construction of the Taunton Armory will result in the transfer of the existing Armory to the City for its renovation as a police station.

For these reasons, we urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSOLIDATION OF MILITARY DIVISION FACILITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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

1 Item 0431-8833 of section two of chapter six hundred and forty-
2 nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-two, as amended by
3 section forty-six of chapter seven hundred and twenty-three of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-three and chapter eight hundred
5 and twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-five, is hereby
6 further amended by inserting after the words, "eighty-three," the fol-
7 lowing words:— and provided further, that the commissioner of the
8 division of capital planning and operations is hereby authorized,
9 subject to the provisions of section forty E through forty J, inclu-
10 sive, of chapter seven of the General Laws to acquire land and
11 buildings thereon and other interests in real property by purchase,
12 gift, lease, or license from the Government of the United States,
13 eminent domain or otherwise on the behalf of the military division
14 of the commonwealth of Massachusetts for armory, headquarters,
15 warehouse, and central maintenance facility purposes; for the study,
16 design, and construction of site, and utility systems improvements
17 and interim and permanent construction, repair, renovation, demoli-
18 tion, and related expenses as needed to protect and improve such
19 real property for use as a headquarters, warehouse and central main-
20 tenance facility for the military division; for the costs of closure,
21 security, maintenance, mothballing and related expenses associated
22 with the closure and consolidation of various facilities of the mili-
23 tary division within the commonwealth of Massachusetts; of project
24 programming, studies, preparation of plans, renovations, deferred
25 maintenance and related expenses to the armory at Camp Curtis
26 Guild in the town of Reading, associated with the relocation of cer-
27 tain non-headquartered functions from closed armories to the
28 Reading armory; for the design, construction and related expenses

29 of a new armory in the city of Taunton, provided that no more than
30 four million five hundred thousand dollars may be expended from
31 said account for this purpose in addition to funds previously appro-
32 priated in item 0431-8811 of section two of chapter five hundred
33 and seventy-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty.

