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June 21, 2008.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am filing a bill entitled "An Act Making Certain Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009 Before Final Action on the General Appropriation Bill." Section 1 provides the spending authorization to maintain necessary services through July 12, 2008, pending the passage of the General Appropriation Act. All actions taken under this section will apply to the General Appropriation Act.

Section 2 provides for the temporary extension of capital accounts necessary to meet obligations, pending enactment of capital account extension legislation. Section 3 allows advance local aid payments to be made to any city, town, regional school district, or independent agricultural and technical school that demonstrates an emergency cash shortfall.

In order to ensure that the Commonwealth will be able to meet its payment obligations without delays, I urge your favorable action on this bill no later than June 25, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deval L. Patrick".

DEVAL L. PATRICK,  
*Governor.*

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In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

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AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
2 contrary, the amount of \$1,050,000,000 is hereby appropriated for  
3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to meet necessary expendi-  
4 tures before the enactment of the general appropriation act for that  
5 fiscal year, for the maintenance and operations of the various  
6 departments, boards, commissions, and institutions, including fed-  
7 eral grant and Intragovernmental Service Fund expenditures, for  
8 other necessary services, and for meeting certain requirements of  
9 law. This appropriation shall cease to be operative as of the effec-  
10 tive date of the general appropriation act, and all actions taken  
11 under this section shall apply against that general appropriation  
12 act. All expenditures made under this section shall be consistent  
13 with appropriations made in the general appropriation act.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
2 contrary, the unexpended balances of all capital accounts which  
3 otherwise would revert on June 30, 2008, but which are necessary  
4 to fund obligations during fiscal year 2009, are hereby re-autho-  
5 rized; but this re-authorization shall terminate upon enactment of  
6 capital account extension legislation.

1 SECTION 3. The state treasurer shall make advance payments  
2 for some or all of periodic local reimbursement or assistance pro-  
3 grams to any city, town, regional school district, or independent  
4 agricultural and technical school that demonstrates an emergency  
5 cash shortfall, as certified by the commissioner of revenue and  
6 approved by the secretary of administration and finance, pursuant  
7 to guidelines issued by the secretary.

- 1 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.
- 2 Section 2 shall take effect on June 30, 2008.

