

Budget for All Referendum

Shall the state representative (or senator) from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the Congress and the President to: (1) prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, or to housing, food and unemployment assistance; (2) create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation and other public services; (3) provide new revenues for these purposes and to reduce the long-term federal deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000; and (4) redirect military spending to these domestic needs by reducing the military budget, ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home safely now?

Budget for All Coalition

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Massachusetts Voters:
Here's a chance to send OUR message to
Washington!

Vote Yes Nov 6

Budget for All

The nation is stuck.

We need jobs, vital services, fair taxes, reasonable military spending levels.

This fall you can tell our elected officials what you want them to do.

We the citizens need to show the politicians how to get out of this deadlock – with the *Budget for All!*



They're Selling Us Austerity ...

Many in Washington say we need to cut vital programs that benefit all our families – Social Security, Medicare, food and unemployment assistance.



But that's not true. Unemployed people didn't cause the recession we're in. Food stamps didn't knock a huge hole in the federal budget. We're in the hole because:

- Corporations and very rich people got much, much richer – and their taxes dropped dramatically.
- Washington got us into two wars. On top of that, they poured money into the Pentagon – pretending to protect against threats which don't

exist. We don't need the nuclear weapons, aircraft carriers, submarines, and overseas military bases that are driving us into the poorhouse. All they are doing is keeping profits flowing to military contractors, helping corporations move our jobs overseas, and keeping foreign governments in power.

... But We Can Have Prosperity!

We can make our country **prosperous and safe** by

- Creating 10 million jobs. The government needs to support manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation, health care, and other public services to get people back to work and get the economy moving.
- Fully funding the programs we need to educate our children, provide health care for everyone, and support us when we retire.

We can pay for those jobs and service by:

- Reducing the military budget to the level needed to protect us – the people in the United States. Military spending creates far fewer jobs than does spending on education and health.
- Making sure the wealthiest



people in our society are paying their fair share. Closing corporate tax loopholes, capping deductions and adopting a tax on financial transactions would make the tax burden fairer and bring in enough revenue to balance the budget.

These are the steps we need to take instead of cutting teachers' jobs, mass transit, Social Security and Medicare. The Budget for All will allow Massachusetts voters to send a message to our politicians that they can't ignore.