

Governor's TAFDC Veto Hurts Children Where the Parent has Severe Disability Please Say NO AGAIN!

What is the Governor's plan?

- The Governor plans to cut off children's TAFDC (4403-2000) when the caregiver has a severe disability and gets SSI.
- **5,200 children would lose all of their TAFDC; 2,100 children's benefits would be drastically cut**
- For a typical family, income would be cut to \$763 a month, a cut of about 40%.
- Many families would not be able to pay rent and would become homeless. If 800 families whose incomes are cut access shelter, DHDC would need another \$30 million for EA shelter for them.
- Families with a housing subsidy would have their rents reduced but housing authorities would have less money for repairs and maintenance.
- The Legislature enacted budget language last year barring a similar proposal. The Governor vetoed the budget language and **the Legislature overrode the veto!**
- **The Governor also cut the TAFDC children's clothing allowance from \$300 to \$250 a year.**
- Because welfare benefits are so low, this is the only money many families have to buy children school clothes and winter boots.

The House is committed to fiscal responsibility while making sure "that we care for the most vulnerable of our residents."

- Speaker DeLeo, Boston Globe, April 13, 2016, unveiling budget rejecting Governor's proposal to count SSI

"The Ways and Means proposal is committed to protecting and providing for our Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents. This budget guarantees that there will be no change in benefits for any transitional assistance recipient."

- Chairman Dempsey, Letter to Members, April 10, 2017

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- Please ask Leadership to take up and support override of the Governor's TAFDC (4403-2000) veto.
- Please vote to override.

Supporting Organizations

Acord Food Pantry
Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.
Action Inc.
AIDS Action Committee
American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts
ARISE for Social Justice
Asian American Resource Workshop
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)
Association of Haitian Women (AFAB)
Berkshire Community Diaper Project
Beverly Bootstraps
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Brazilian Women's Group
Brookview House, Inc.
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee
Casa Myrna
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston
Catholic Social Services of Fall River, Inc.
Center for Violence Prevention & Recovery, Beth Israel
 Deaconess Medical Center
Central West Justice Center
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice
Chelsea Collaborative
Children's Health Watch
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Chinese Progressive Association
City Life/Vida Urbana
Coalition for Social Justice
Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc.
Community Legal Services and Counseling Center
DOVE
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)
Elizabeth Freeman Center, Inc.
Greater Boston Food Bank
Greater Boston Legal Services
HarborCOV
Health Care for All
The Home for Little Wanderers
Homes for Families
HomeStart, Inc.
Horizons for Homeless Children
Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center
Jane Doe Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Justice Center of Southeast MA

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice
Lynn Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Massachusetts AFL-CIO
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy
Massachusetts Advocates for Children
Mass. Association of Early Education and Care (MADCA)
Mass. Association for Community Action (MassCAP)
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Family Planning Association
Mass. Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition
Massachusetts Jobs With Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Public Health Association
Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston
Metrowest Legal Services
MotherWoman
Muslim American Society of Boston
New England Area Conference of NAACP
NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts
National Association of Social Workers, Mass. Chapter
Neighbor to Neighbor
North Shore Postpartum Help
Northeast Justice Center
Northeastern University School of Law Clinics
Nurtury
The Open Door
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund
Poor People's United Fund
Project Bread
Project Hope
REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Rosie's Place
Safe Passage
Somerville Homeless Coalition
Stavros
Transition House
UAW Region 9A CAP Council
Union of Minority Neighborhoods
United Way Mass. Bay and Merrimack Valley
UTEC
Vietnamese American Civic Association
Vietnamese American Community of Massachusetts
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Witnesses to Hunger, Boston
Worcester County Food Bank