



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY



Committed to ensuring that everyone has a place to call home.

Meetings with Legislators and Legislative Staff Members: Purpose and Goals

1. To make sure your State Representative and State Senator know that you are concerned about homelessness, and that they know the budget and bill priorities you want them to support as related to housing, homelessness prevention, economic stability, and equity.

2. To find out where your legislators stand on budget items, bills, and issues of particular concern, such as:

- Increasing or maintaining funding for the specific programs you raise during your meeting
- Protecting key housing, homelessness prevention, income, and emergency shelter programs from proposed budget cuts and eligibility restrictions
- Maintaining income taxes at current levels or raising revenue in a progressive manner to fund critical programs

3. To find out about which issues or concerns your legislators feel strongly (either positively or negatively).

4. To ask them to include your priorities in their list of top issues they raise with Legislative Leadership in discussions about the upcoming fiscal year 2025 state budget (and, as applicable, in conversations about the pending FY24 supplemental budget and housing bond bill.)

- *For Representatives* – Ask your Representative to speak with House Speaker Ron Mariano and House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz about these priorities and ask them to include these items in the House budget.
- *For Senators* – Ask your Senator to speak with Senate President Karen Spilka and Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael Rodrigues about these priorities and ask them to include these items in the Senate budget.

After your meetings, please let us know how each of your meetings went and what was discussed. Your feedback will help inform our follow-up conversations at the State House. To share your feedback, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/ladmeetings2024>. (The form also is linked on our Legislative Action Day page: <https://mahomeless.org/legislative-action-day-2024/>.)

Thank you!