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Representative Cory Atkins
The State House
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Senator Susan Fargo
The State House
Room 504
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Dear Cory and Susan:

As you may know, Concord's recent Town Meeting voted (by a substantial majority) to request that the Board of Selectmen ask our State representatives to file and seek passage of legislation that would give cities and towns in Massachusetts the option of adopting a local income tax on residents, the proceeds of which would be applied solely to reduce the local residential property tax.

Accordingly, I am writing to advise you that we will be seeking your help in the filing of such legislation. Given that the drafting of such a bill can be very burdensome, we have asked the sponsoring committee to prepare a "first draft" that we hope will be helpful to you in preparing the actual legislation.

As we would like this legislation to be filed in time for your next two-year session, we would currently expect to forward the draft bill to you by Thanksgiving. Naturally, we welcome your thoughts as to how best to fulfill Town Meeting's objectives and move this process forward.

Regards,

Jeffrey S. Wieand, Chair
Concord Board of Selectmen