

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 03630**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to state aid to municipalities.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sean Garballey*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*23rd Middlesex*

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to state aid to municipalities.

*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 13 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—
- 3 (f) In any fiscal year, if the amount appropriated is less than the amount of unrestricted general  
4 government aid in the previous fiscal year, it shall not be reduced to an amount below the sum of  
5 the municipality’s lottery and additional assistance local aid as appropriated in fiscal year 2002.  
6 If there is an appropriation to any municipality below this sum, the commonwealth shall defend,  
7 indemnify and hold harmless the municipality from all claims by third parties which may arise  
8 out of the result of this reduction in aid.