

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

Tell co-workers, friends and family members about this bill. Let them know how new revenues would improve your ability to provide your students with a high-quality education. Inform your state legislators of your support for *An Act to Invest in Our Communities*, HB 2553/SB 1416.

For more information, go to
www.massteacher.org/revenue

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www.ourcommunities.org



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REVENUE IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND COMMUNITIES

An Act to Invest in Our Communities would provide vital revenues to help keep Massachusetts a great place to live, work and raise a family. Our future depends on excellent schools and colleges, affordable health care for all and a strong economy that provides good jobs. This legislation would bring in \$1.37 billion in vital new revenues in the first year of implementation, primarily from the wealthiest taxpayers.

THE MTA AND A COALITION OF LABOR, HUMAN SERVICES, COMMUNITY AND NONPROFIT GROUPS STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

- * It would provide new funds for schools, colleges, health care, environmental protection, infrastructure repair and other vital local and state services. Many of these services have already been cut. Without new revenues, more cuts are looming, reducing the quality of life in our communities.
- * It would increase the income tax from 5.3% to 5.95% and the tax on interest, dividends and long-term capital gains from 5.3% to 8.95%. Exemptions would be increased to eliminate or reduce the impact on low- and middle-income families. The wealthiest 1 percent would pay the most.
- * It would ease pressure on cities and towns to increase property taxes while enabling them to preserve vital local services.