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**Senators Baddour and Tarr Score Perfect on High Tech Issues**  
*Massachusetts High Technology Council lauds senators for tough votes supporting growth and innovation in the Commonwealth*

**October 12, 2006, Boston** – State Senators Steven Baddour (D-Methuen) and Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) both received a perfect voting score from the Massachusetts High Technology Council.

“The high tech segment has always been vital to the economic health of Massachusetts,” Sen. Baddour said. “If we want to keep our economy growing and create new jobs we must support this key sector. I am both proud of my record and this distinction.”

The Council determined which votes would be included in the ranking by a surveying of CEOs. Issues revolved around improved access to healthcare, expedited permitting and economic stimulus.

“Technology businesses are a critical part of our economy, and a key target for any economic growth strategy,” Sen. Tarr said. “I’m pleased to contribute to actions by state government to support and strengthen these employers.”

“It’s not the least bit surprising that Senator Baddour and Senator Tarr earned perfect marks in our scorecard for their record on critical economic competitiveness issues,” said Massachusetts High Technology Council President Christopher R. Anderson. “Since their arrival on Beacon Hill they have both been independent and unwavering advocates for the state’s diverse technology economy on issues of taxes, education and economic development.”

The Council scored legislators on the following votes taken in the 2005-2006 legislative session:

- Hanscom/Natick Expansion Plan -----(For)
- Retroactive Capital Gains Tax -----(Against)
- STEM Education Investment -----(For)
- State Matching Grant Fund -----(For)
- State Investment in Health Care Technology -----(For)
- Health Care Transparency -----(For)
- Employer Health Care Tax -----(Against)
- Streamlined Permitting Bill -----(For)

*For more information contact the offices of Senator Baddour or Senator Tarr or visit the Massachusetts High Technology Council’s legislative tracking web site [www.MassTrack.com](http://www.MassTrack.com).*

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