



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

September 2, 2008

Ms. Tracy Brown
Executive Office of Public Safety
Programs Division
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3720
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Ms. Brown,

As the legislative delegation representing the communities of Haverhill and Methuen, we are writing to extend our continued support for the Haverhill-Methuen Gang and Violence Reduction and Prevention Project.

Haverhill and Methuen have worked together and successfully formalized a partnership to implement proven gang prevention strategies. Over the past two years, the partnership has established a youth center, mobilized the community by participating in focus groups and developing anti-gang violence conferences, collaborated with criminal justice agencies, and educated residents about gang activity and prevention methods. Despite these significant accomplishments, there is much work still to be done.

Building upon the success of present community coalitions, Haverhill and Methuen have formed a regional steering committee that has enabled ongoing communication and collaboration among the police, probation, and school departments, as well as between other community-based organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We sincerely hope that the Haverhill-Methuen Gang and Violence Reduction and Prevention Project will continue to be funded.

Best Regards,

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Rep. Linda Dean Campbell
Fifteenth Essex

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Rep. Brian S. Dempsey
Third Essex

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Rep. Barbara L'Italien
Eighteenth Essex

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Rep. Harriett L. Stanley
Second Essex

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Sen. Steven A. Baddour
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