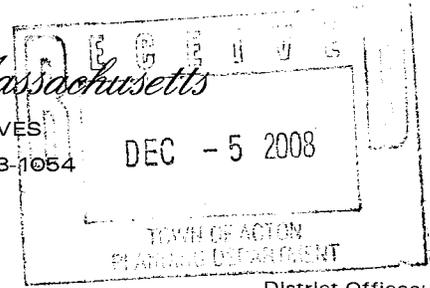


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Acton Planning Board Members,

As we look forward to the New Year and the 2009-2010 legislative session, I am excited to begin working with you as the next State Senator representing the Middlesex & Worcester District. I am proud to be following in the footsteps of as dedicated a public servant as Senator Pam Resor, and I know that your expectations are high due to Pam's superior service to her constituents.

As you know, the Commonwealth faces challenges in the coming year, most notably declining state revenues and a struggling economy. I believe, however, that by working together we can turn the Commonwealth's most difficult challenges into opportunities for reform and cost-savings, while maintaining support for towns and cities from the state.

In order to better understand the problems that your community is currently facing, your concerns about state government, and any ideas you may have about legislation for the upcoming session, **I wanted to invite you to a Town Hall meeting to discuss your ideas and concerns in anticipation of the next legislative session beginning January 7th, 2009.** I have scheduled five town hall meetings across the Middlesex & Worcester District to provide a venue for the general public to have these discussions. **I hope you can join me on Monday December 8th from 6:30 - 8pm at the Acton Town Hall in Room 204, so that as a municipal official you can be part of this discussion as well.**

If you plan on attending this meeting, please contact my Chief of Staff Neel Chaudhury at Neel.Chaudhury@state.ma.us or (617) 722-2060. If you are unable to attend but have an idea or major concern that you wish to communicate to me before the New Year, please do not hesitate to email or call my office directly.



I am committed to making sure our municipal leaders, citizens, and residents are properly informed over the coming months on legislative developments and the budget crisis that faces our state. I hope that you will take advantage of my staff to assist you with any concern you may have. I look forward to working with you and all municipal leaders in getting through these challenging times together.

Thank you for your service, and I look forward to representing you as the next State Senator for the Middlesex & Worcester District over the next two years.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Eldridge', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jamie Eldridge
State Senator-elect
Middlesex & Worcester District