



July 6, 2016

Blythe Robinson
Town Manager
Town of Upton
1 Main Street
Upton, MA 01568

Dear Town Manager Robinson,

Enclosed with this letter is the invoice for the Town of Upton's membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Association for fiscal year 2017, which began on July 1, 2016.

Your membership in the MMA ensures that cities and towns in Massachusetts have a clear and effective voice fighting for you when municipal issues are being debated on Beacon Hill and in Washington. With your membership for fiscal 2017, the MMA will keep you up to date on key legislative and regulatory activities at the state and federal levels. As an MMA member, you will stay connected to a diverse array of meetings, workshops and professional development activities, and to the special services offered to our member cities and towns.

The enclosed MMA dues invoice reflects a small inflation adjustment of just 2.5%, and we note with pride that in seven of the past fourteen years the MMA has had no dues adjustment at all, and follows a small below-inflation adjustment last year, reflecting our commitment to provide high-quality services at very low cost.

The past several years have been challenging for local government, and the value of your membership in the MMA has never been clearer. Working tirelessly with local officials, we have leveraged the strength of cities and towns to engage with the Governor, legislators and state officials on every key issue. The MMA has been successful in protecting millions for cities and towns, although the road to a full fiscal recovery is still a long one.

Since the beginning of the greatest economic recession in eighty years, the MMA has won a number of important victories. The MMA's advocacy efforts have delivered true reform and results:

- **The MMA has led the fight to restore municipal aid and education funding, and the MMA's advocacy is directly responsible for the \$42 million increase in Unrestricted General Government Aid in fiscal 2017 – the largest increase in a decade.**
- **The MMA's early and strong push led the effort to increase Chapter 70 minimum aid from \$20 per student to \$55 per student in the new fiscal year 2017 budget by adding \$24 million to Chapter 70 education aid, and MMA's efforts were instrumental in securing a total of \$44 million more for Chapter 70 than the original proposal filed by the Administration in January.**
- **In addition to these key local aid increases, the MMA continues to be the leading voice to fully fund the special education circuit breaker, regional school transportation, charter school reimbursements, and millions more in other key municipal aid and school accounts.**
- **The MMA has led the fight to secure timely release of Chapter 90 funding for local roads, leading to this year's \$200 million authorization – and we continue to call for \$300 million a year to better meet local transportation needs.**
- **As you know, the MMA led the fight and won municipal health insurance reform several years ago, passing the powerful reform law to give town and city leaders plan design authority. The law is saving cities and towns over \$200 million every year.**

MMA has achieved these victories even though the state has faced an unexpected loss of \$750 million in tax revenue for the new fiscal year, which led to last-minute cuts in most parts of the state budget.

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**Blackstone Valley Vocational
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Town of Upton
Board of Selectmen
James Brochu, Chair
1 Main Street, Box 1
Upton, MA 01568

Dear Mr. Brochu:

Listed below are the contributions for your town as its share of financial commitment to support the operation and expansion/renovation of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District in the fiscal year 2016-2017.

The quarterly payment schedules are shown below. Checks should be issued to the **Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District** and mailed to the Business Office, 65 Pleasant Street, Upton Massachusetts 01568 by the indicated due date.

Operation	+	Expansion	=	Combined Contribution
\$1,183,457	+	\$17,771	=	\$1,201,228

Quarterly Payment Schedule

AUGUST 1, 2016	\$300,307.00
NOVEMBER 1, 2016	\$300,307.00
FEBRUARY 1, 2017	\$300,307.00
MAY 1, 2017	\$300,307.00

Barbara A. Auger,

District Treasurer

cc: Treasurer, Accountant

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