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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 87 of House Bill No. 3800, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2018 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutional and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements."

Section 87 seeks to clarify the borrowing authorization for capital improvements to Massachusetts Bay Community College by restricting the location of a new allied health academic facility to the city of Framingham.

The selection of siting for such a facility, however, must be made pursuant to a competitive procurement process that takes into consideration multiple factors, including overall costs. While this proposal offers helpful clarification, the College needs expanded flexibility to meet its operational and capital needs most effectively.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 87 be amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

SECTION 87. Item 7066-8000 of section 2 of chapter 258 of the acts of 2008, as amended by section 5 of chapter 237 of the acts of 2014, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 68, the word "at" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- in the Metrowest area of the Commonwealth for.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Baker".

Charles D. Baker
Governor