ATTACHMENT Q

July 28, 2022

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 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning to you for amendment Section 132 of House Bill No. 5050, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 132 would revive and continue until May 31, 2024, the special legislative commission to study and examine the Commonwealth’s civil service law established in the 2020 Police Reform Act. As drafted, it would require that the appointed members of the commission shall be reappointed by their appointing authorities at the start of the upcoming legislative session. However, as a result of changes in statewide constitutional offices there will be different appointing authorities as of January 2023, and no guarantee that the appointed members will still be available to continue to serve on this commission. As a result, I am recommending an amendment that would strike this requirement.

For these reasons, I recommend that the bill be amended by striking out Section 132 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 132. Upon the start of the legislative session beginning on January 4, 2023, the special legislative commission established in section 107 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020 to study and examine the civil service law, is hereby revived and continued to May 31, 2024. The commission shall submit a report of its study and any recommendations, together with any draft legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than May 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor