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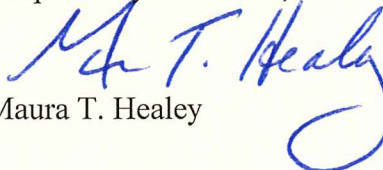
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your consideration a bill entitled “An Act Financing Improvements to Municipal Roads and Bridges.”

This bill authorizes the Commonwealth to borrow \$400 million to fund improvements to municipally owned roads and bridges through Chapter 90 grants over the next two fiscal years. These grants reach each of our 351 cities and towns directly, continuing the strong tradition of partnership between the Commonwealth and local communities. I am seeking a two-year authorization to enable cities and towns sufficient time to put the funds to work given the planning and coordination required to get these critical projects completed.

Swift passage of this legislation will ensure that the Commonwealth’s roads and bridges can be kept in or moved toward a state of good repair. Accordingly, I urge you to enact this legislation promptly.

Respectfully submitted,


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