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RE: DTC 23-3: Petition of the State 911 Department for Approval to Maintain the Enhanced 911 Surcharge At \$1.50

Dear Ms. Green:

In connection with the above matter, enclosed herewith for filing is the State 911 Department's proof of publication of the Notice of Public Hearing and Certificate of Service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dennis J. Kirwan

General Counsel

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person, via. Electronic mail, to the parties listed on the Service List provided by the Department of Telecommunications and Cable in the above-entitled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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"No one who is serving a life sentence hecause of joint venture is disposable," she said, referring to the legal theory that allows a jury to convict someone of murder if they aided or assisted in the crime, "And even life," and have light and they are still not disposable."

Close to 100 people gathered under sunsy skies on Beacon Street for the rally, which included testimony from family and friends of prisoners, as well as formerly incarecrated men and women. Legislators urged onloaders to learn more about both proposals, and to sign up to testing the service of the said to sign up to testing the service of the proposals, and to sign up to tes-tify at a State House hearing

Tuesday atternoon.
"My job is not to speak for you, Your voice is always stron-ger than mine." Representative Russell Holmes of Boston told the crowd. "We want action, not just a feel-good moment... and none of us speak better than you

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In 2017, the state's highest court narrowed the scope of joint venture in felony murder cases, ruling that accomplices in fall crimes can no longer be convicted of first-degree murder to kill or knew their actions would likely turn fatal. However, that ruling was not retroactive.

In the years after the ruling, the families of victims and their supporters have maintained that everyone involved in a violent crime should be held equally responsible, and particularly those who helped plan the act but did not do it themselves. The sixtee of a young man who was killed in a botchen Indhery at a Walpole McDonald's told the Globe last year that such serious crimes in-



Jameel Williams, who was wrongfully convicted, talked to Wayne Sorel about prison reform outside the State House.

volve "a lot of thought and pre-meditation..., and that's not something to be taken lightly." Patrick McNamara presiden of the State Police Association of Massachusetts, said Tuesday that police also shared concerns about the impact on the victim's families and possibility for re-peat offenses.

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Holmes's proposal, also sponsored by Senator Liz Miranda of Boston, seeks to take the Superme Judicial Court ruling one step further, so that an accomplice is not held to the sum level of responsibility as a killer in any circumstance. The hill proposes that those who aided or assisted in a killing may use to be found. in a killing may not be found guilty of first-degree murder, and should receive a sentence of

guilty of first-legree murder, and should receive a sentence of up to 25 years in prison. And unlike the high court's ruling, the bill would be retroactive, meaning that people previously convicted of murder, but known to not be the killer, would have the opportunity to apply for parole. In the crowd, Cambridge resident Joan Squer'l tooked shocked as organizers called out statistics about state incarreration rates; Massachusetts is tied with Louisiana for the highest percentage of prisoners serving life without parole in the country, according to a 2020 report from the Sentencing Project. "I can't believe it's possible for someone who actually committed a murder to (take a plea deal and) get out of prison long hefure the person who was standing there, or who played a much more minor role," said

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Squeri, 67. "I don't believe that

Squeri, 67. "I don't believe that anyone of any political persua-sion could say that person got what they deserved." A Globe Spotlight investiga-tion last year highlighted several of these cases, including a 1991 shooting luside a Dorchester apartment where one of the gu-men was allowed to plead to mushsubite and served muchmanslaughter and served roughly a decade in prison before being paroled. The driver — who never got out of his car or entered the home — is still serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole,

"I was incarcerated for 26 years, 9 months, and 5 days...
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(meanwhile Imy co-defendant went home with less than 20 years," said Ronnie Elliott, who was convicted and sentenced to life in prison at 17, and now works as a youth coordinator with the outrwach organization Transformational Prison Project. "Now I'm out, and I'm out to make change... because I don't believe this law is suitable for any of us," he said." If you didn't kill the person, and the other person intended to do, you shouldn't be serving life without parole.

Event organizer Cynthia Goldberg, who was released from prison a decade ago, said her hupe was "to end joint venture, to end life without parole, and to let people know we're not going to stop until it's done."

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CDC seeks to create 'satellites and radar' for outbreaks

future holds. Significantly, however, some of the money is going to state and local public health authorities health authorities, including the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to build relation-ships with academia so that in-formation can flow scamlessly in

formation can flow scamlessly in a crisis.

The goal is not necessarily to detect the next new microbe that will cause a pandemic, but to have the tools ready to inform the response when that new pathogen arrives.

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Working closely with public health officials will be a big focus of the project, said Nicholas Re-ich, professor of biostatistics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, UMass and the Univer-Atmiers, Coass and the Chiver-sity of Texas at Austin are togeth-er receiving \$27.5 million to jointly serve as one of the 13 cen-

ters,
Reich runs the US COVID-19
Forecast Hub, which provides
weekly short-term forecasts of
data such as hospital admissions
and deaths at the state and county level, based on a variety of
sources such as waste water and
mobility data.
The new money, Reich said,
funds both the academic teams
and the public health officials,
enabling them to have dedicated
staff who can work with the researchers and who understand
the models.
Reich said he has collaboratdwith the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the
sets but this new funding will
deepen the relationship. "One of
things we're actively working on Reich runs the US COVID-19

context of the decisions they'll be used for intrying to figure out what are the specific questions these models can help inform,"

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he said.
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receive NT.5 million to establish.
EPUSTOINS. The Center for Advanced Epidemic Analytics and
Predictive Modeling Technology.
Alessandro Vespignani, director of the Network Science Institute, will lead the project at
Northeastern.
His team will coordinate a
consortium of 10 research instiutions including Boston University, health care systems, and
private companies bat will draw
data from hospital admissions,
waste water surveillance, social
media, and other sources, as
well as individuals' travel patterns, and develop algorithms to
project where and how fast an
infection is spreading.
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something suspicious, then we
can spin the algorithm and understand whot kind of threat if

can spin the algorithm and un-derstand what kind of threat it is, what is the risk," and thus in-form decisions about how to contain the outbreak, Vespignani said.

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Vespignani said that long be-fore anyone knew how fast COVID-19 would spread, he looked at the number of cases that had appeared outside of China in the first few weeks of the pandemic, and calculated that the virus had already spread to housands in major US ruties. At the same time, Vespig-nani's colleague, Mauriclo San-tillana, noticed a spike in social media searches for things like "sore throat" as well as an in-crease in doctors browsing phy-sician-specific information sources such as UpliDate, Digi-tal signals like these often pre-cede by weeks the recognition that an outbreak has occurred, said Santillana, who directs Northeastern's Machine Intelli-gence Group for the betterment

of Health and the Environment

"We had confidence that COVID was in our communities despite the fact that we were only testing people who came from China," he said.

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Another group in the network is based at the Bloomberg.

School of Public Health 11, Johns
Hopkins University, which received \$23.5 million.

Among the Johns Hopkins
group's projects will be recruiting a random sampling of citizens to answer surveys and prodich blood samples, enabling trsearchers to cast a wider net as
they search for evidence of infections in people other than just
those who have sought medical
care.

The goal is to improve the ability to make both short-term and longer-term projections, to guide decisions on such matters as infection-control measures and vaccine distribution, said Shaun Truelove, an assistant sci-entist in the Departments of In-ternational Health and Epidemi-

ternational Health and Epidemi-ology at Johns Hopkins.
"This network is a really im-portant step toward building the capacity in the CS to be able to be more prepared and to devel-op the tools and the capacity to be better at responding to these health omergencies," "Truelove said.

health emergencies." Truelove said.

Dr. William Schaffner, professor of preventive medicine at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, agreed. "This is exactly the sart of innovative, outside the box—or push the edges of the box—initiative that the CDC ought to be doing and I'm so glad they are." said Schaffner, who is not involved in the project. "We would always like to know at the earliest possible time when something new is happening, whether locally or nationally. That just gives you more time to prepare and to muster your resources."



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