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His Excellency William F. Weld
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Office of the Governor
Room 360
Boston, MA 02133
Via Mail & FAX :727-9725

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Re: S.1753

Dear Governor Weld:

I strongly urge you to send S.1753 back to the Legislature. It is critical that this bill, which would have cities and towns assume responsibility for providing cost-of-living adjustments for municipal retirees, be subject to closer study in regard to annual funding from the municipal standpoint. In asking you to send S.1753 back to the Legislature, I am also asking you to support three amendments that had previously been recommended by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. I ask you to support:

- Local acceptance language that would require the approval of both the local executive and local legislative branch;
- Requiring the approval of the mayor or board of selectmen and city council or town meeting for the COLA each time a COLA is recommended by the local retirement board;
- Requiring a new funding schedule detailing the additional costs of accepting the provisions of S.1753 to be approved by PERAC before any local body votes to accept S. 1753.

It is imperative that executive officials in cities and towns have a role in any changes that have budgetary implications for their municipality. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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cc: David Baier, MMA

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Communication recieved from William Weld
transmitting information regarding
provisions of S.1753 to be approved
by PERAC..

In City Council June 16, 1997

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