



National Association of Government Employees

AFFILIATED WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

May 24, 2022

Governor Charles D. Baker
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

It has now been 2 months since NAGE's request to reopen the economic portion of our most recent CBA has gone unanswered. Our very reasonable request was rooted in unprecedented tax revenue collections and, more importantly, the crush of inflation. Those factors have now been combined with the impact of the war in Ukraine affecting commodities worldwide, driving the price of gas to levels that we have never seen before, not to mention the young families dealing with a shortage of baby formula.

Your comments and concern for both the supply chain and the growing cost of everyday items in response to the states record tax collection and upward adjustments yesterday were well stated. It is in that spirit that I appeal to you once more on behalf of your employees as you prepare to complete your final term as governor and no doubt reflect on your legacy. Your workforce needs relief. The cost of living adjustments in the recent contract are not enough. I urge you to direct your team to meet with NAGE negotiators and work expeditiously on a new package that will provide your workforce much need financial relief to weather the storm we are in.

I know we have had our differences over the past 8 years, but those differences must be set aside. The world events impacting our day-to-day lives are bigger than all of us. Your workforce needs your support and I ask you once again to please provide it. I would be happy to discuss this with you directly or have our teams discuss it. Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Holway'.

David J. Holway
National President