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Dear Counsel Povich and Secretary Lepore,

We want to thank Governor Baker for his support of Housing Court expansion last year and urge him to include in this year’s FY18 budget the $1.2 million that the Trial Court has requested to start the expansion.

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SENTENCE WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION WANTS A HOUSING COURT

Housing Courts save the state from spending millions in shelter costs through special programs.

The investment in the expansion would also result in all municipal officials finally having access to Housing Court to bring distressed and abandoned properties up to code and back into use. Housing Courts also have Housing Specialists to help both landlords and tenants arrive at agreements without the cost and stress of litigation.

We join the over 130 organizations that are part of the HousingCourt4All Coalition and hope that this year that the Governor, the House, and the Senate will join together to complete the expansion of the Housing Court statewide.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,