FY25 STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES



<u>Creating a Foundation for Economic Opportunity</u>

 Address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty by supporting Community Action
 Agencies (Line item 7004-0025) - \$7.5M

<u>Strengthen Families through Affordable & Accessible</u> <u>Early Education and Care</u>

- Support Early Education Rate Reserve (Line item 3000-1042) - \$60M
- Support for Income Eligible Child Care (Line item 3000 – 4060) – Embed Early Education Workforce Personal Child Care – \$20M
- Support Head Start (Line Item 3000-5000) \$20M
- Support Child Care Resource Referral Access Management in Early Education Program (Line item 3000 – 2000) - \$20M

Bridging the Wage Gap

- Resources for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)(Line item 1201-0100) - \$1.5M
- Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):Include ITIN Holders, Remove the Dependent Cap

Supporting Affordable Housing

 The Affordable Homes Act filed by Governor Maura Healey (H.4138)

Ensuring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

- An Act to reform the hate crime statutes filed by Representative Tram Nguyen, Representative Bud Williams, and Senator Adam Gomez (H.1704/S.996)
- An Act to promote gender and racial diversity on public boards and commissions in Massachusetts, filed by Representative Nguyen, Representative Dawne Shande, and Senator Liz Miranda (H.3095/S.2029)
- An Act establishing the Executive Office of Structural Racism filed by Representative Russel Holmes (H.3047)

<u>Support Community Development Across the Commonwealth</u>

 Eliminate the sunset for CITC which is currently set for 2025

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