

***STATE REP-ELECT DIEHL CALLS ON GOVERNOR TO
ABANDON PLAN TO PROVIDE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
WITH IN-STATE TUITION***

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Boston, MA (11/16/2010): Representative-Elect Geoff Diehl today called on Governor Patrick to abandon his ill-advised plan to provide illegal immigrants with in-state tuition rates, saying the taxpayers of Massachusetts should not be expected to foot the bill for people living in the state illegally.

"My campaign spoke specifically to the point that our state is not in a fiscal position to deal with any more wasteful spending by leadership on Beacon Hill," said Diehl. "This flies in the face of the reality we're facing in next year's budget."

By nearly all accounts, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is facing a structural deficit of more than \$2 billion next fiscal year. With residents paying more in taxes, while receiving less in services, the newly-elected Legislator warned that providing illegal immigrants with in-state tuition rates is not only irresponsible, but also a slap in the face to the hardworking families of Massachusetts who are struggling to make ends meet.

"Our goal at the State House should be on looking for savings in the budget so that we can reduce the impact to our towns and deliver the Local Aid funding for the services they provide. I don't see how this plan works towards that end," added Diehl.

Governor Patrick's announcement today comes just over a year after his Administration commissioned a report that recommended among other things; providing illegal immigrants with in-state tuition, as well as driver's licenses.

The Legislature has not been receptive to these proposals in the past and the Republican Caucus, which grew sizably this election cycle, will not support this plan and will work across party lines to make sure it is defeated once again.

"My goal has been and will continue to be a focus on improving the climate for small businesses so that we can grow jobs and get those unemployed and underemployed residents back to work. That is what will spark our economy to move forward once again," concluded Diehl.

ABOUT DISTRICT / CANDIDATE:

The 7th Plymouth District includes all of Abington, East Bridgewater and Whitman. Notable State Representatives from this District include Michael Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and former Plymouth County DA, and Andrew Card, former White House Chief of Staff under George W. Bush.

Geoff Diehl was elected to the seat on November 2, 2010. Inauguration is set for January 5, 2011.

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