In order for Massachusetts to continue being a great place to live, we need to invest in our communities. We must strengthen the education system, invest in infrastructure, and meet community needs that are addressed by nonprofit organizations every day. To do so, we must work together to build a strong and secure economy.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives is drafting their budget RIGHT NOW and they are hearing loud and clear from those opposed to revenue reform. It is time that they hear that there is strong support in their communities for a common sense progressive plan to increase revenue.

Here are five action steps to ensure that Massachusetts has a bright future:

1. **Call your state representative NOW**
   - Find your legislator at bit.ly/MyRepsMA
   - Describe the need to strengthen our communities in your own words
   - Ask your representative to support a revenue plan that raises significant revenue and protects low- and middle income families
   - Mention the governor’s proposal and the “Act to Invest in our Communities” as just two examples of how we might do so

2. **Amplify the message—talk to your colleagues, clients, friends and family**
   - Take the time to explain why you support responsible revenue reform, the impact you believe it will have on our communities and the Commonwealth, and to dispel any misinformation they may have heard about Massachusetts tax policy
   - Ask them to join you and call their state representatives now

3. **Attend or organize a revenue reform district visit**
   - The Campaign for Our Communities Coalition is organizing community groups across the state to educate legislators on the importance of investing in our communities. Check out our bi-weekly SectorNews for upcoming meetings or contact Nithyaa Venkataramani at nvenkataramani@massnonprofitnet.org if you are interested in attending or organizing a visit in your area

4. **Attend the Campaign for Our Communities Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 12**
   - Meet at 10:30 AM in the Gardner Auditorium in the State House
   - Rally with hundreds of supporters and visit legislators to promote support for revenue reform

5. **Spread the word on revenue reform**
   - Educate and mobilize your social media channels—blog, tweet, Facebook, and write about it on your website
   - Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper

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