



## Chesterfield Select Board

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The Honorable Ronald Mariano  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State House, Room 356  
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Karen E. Spika  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 309  
Boston, MA 02133

April 6, 2026

RE: Legislature Audit

Dear Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spika

The Chesterfield Select Board writes to express our strong support for implementing Question 1 from the November 2024 ballot. Chesterfield voters approved Question 1 by 66%, joining with 71.4% of voters statewide authorizing State Auditor Diana DiZoglio to audit the Massachusetts Legislature.

The Legislature remains the only state entity that does not permit oversight by the State Auditor's Office. While legislative leaders have claimed that internal audits by a privately procured vendor are sufficient, the voters of Massachusetts have clearly expressed their desire for independent review. At a time when the Massachusetts Legislature ranks among the least transparent in the nation and is one of only four state legislatures exempt from public record laws, especially regarding the use of taxpayer funds.

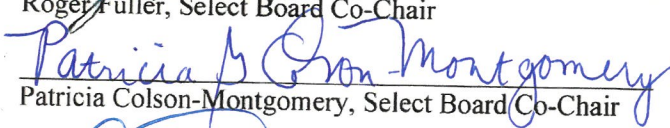
Government entities that self-regulate pose risks of self-interest and reduced accountability to voters. Implementing this audit would enhance government transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. The Massachusetts Legislature should not be exempt from independent oversight, especially regarding the use of taxpayer funds.

We urge you to take the necessary steps to honor the will of the voters and allow the State Auditor's Office to proceed with this audit.

Sincerely,

Chesterfield Select Board

  
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Cc: Representative Lindsay Sabadosa & Senator Paul Mark