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**MOORE WRITES TO GOVERNOR, URGING REDUCTION IN UNEMPLOYMENT TAX  
RATE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) recently sent a letter to Governor Deval Patrick, urging him to support legislation that would reduce the scheduled 2010 unemployment tax rate increase that Massachusetts employers will face. Without special legislative action, employers in the Commonwealth will face a 43% increase in the unemployment insurance tax rate this year.

“Enactment of legislation in early 2010 that implements a less dramatic increase in UI tax rates would help mitigate an obstacle to new hiring, without jeopardizing the long-term solvency of the UI trust fund based on current projections,” said Sen. Moore in the letter. “Given the current fiscal climate it is imperative that we take all necessary steps to ensure our local small businesses and workers are given every opportunity to succeed.”

Sen. Moore serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, and in that capacity has served as an advocate for locally-owned and small businesses across the Commonwealth.

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