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NBI 03

2026 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

NBI Name No to Tax Cut Initiatives			Date and Time 3/10/2026 3:02
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According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

MOTION

MOVED:

The MTA will commit \$2 million dollars from a combination of reserves (MTAB and/or MTA) and the Public Relations and Organizing budget to fight the tax-cutting ballot initiatives of the Massachusetts High Tech Council that would reduce our annual state budget by \$8 billion. MTA will mobilize members and staff around this campaign through November of 2026.

SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

The Fair Share Amendment, which was passed with the financial and activist support of our members, has exceeded expectations, bringing in \$3 billion this past year alone. But two tax-cutting ballot initiatives put forward by the Massachusetts High Tech Council (MHTC) would eliminate upwards of \$8 billion a year from our state budget. This kind of cut would lead to catastrophic cuts to public education as well as everything else we care about. While we are working hard to stop these ballot initiatives from moving forward, we as the MTA must join with other unions who have committed funds to fight these terrible initiatives all the way to the ballot in November, if necessary. Combined with contributions from other unions, we expect to have close to \$5 million committed, if this NBI passes. We believe this is a powerful signal to the MHTC that unions are prepared to fight to defend our Fair Share victory and prevent these millionaires from causing untold harm to the state. Our union has thoughtfully developed a reserves policy, which accounts for spending we need to win important gains for our members at the ballot, as well as, in this case, to fight destructive initiatives. Between MTAB (MTA Benefits) which has over \$4 million in reserves, as well as our own MTA reserves, which stands at roughly \$67 million, and the Public Relations and Organizing budget (which will have close to \$2 million if this body approves the annual dues for PR and O), we have sufficient funds to take on this and our other fights.

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:
\$0 as funding will come from reserves or PR&O

DUES IMPACT **(For MTA use only):**
\$0

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**
\$2,000,000, **5,000 hours**