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TO THE WORCESTER CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILORS:

I am pleased to report to your Honorable Body that the City and Teamsters Local 170 (Department of Public Works and Parks – Clerical) have partnered in cost-saving measures necessary to preserve jobs and City services for FY2012. The Union agreed to accept our new GIC-like health care plans for the guarantee of no lay-offs for FY2012.

There are roughly 26 members in Local 170 serving throughout all divisions of the Department of Public Works and Parks. Their leadership and willingness to partner with the City has allowed me to restore two Local 170 positions that had been designated for lay-off.

I am very grateful to the Local 170 Executive Board and to all their membership for their courageous, responsible actions that will now allow these two positions to be included in my FY2012 Budget Recommendation. Local 170 is the administrative backbone of the DPWP and each and every one of these employees is a valued member of our City team.

Every City position we can restore through partnership with our unions is a blessing for the employee who will retain their job and for our taxpayers through the services that these employees provide.

To date, non-represented (non-union) employees and Local 170 members have transitioned to these new GIC-like health care plans.

Respectfully submitted,

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