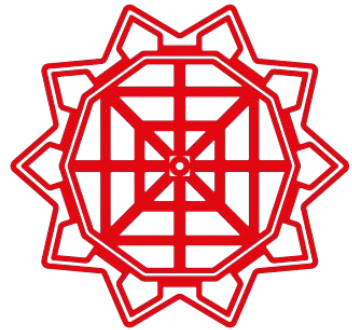




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# Legislative Briefings

Spring 2023



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# Today's Agenda

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- **MMA's Legislative Division Overview**
- **Recent Action**
- **State Revenue**
- **FY2024 Budget & Priorities**
- **2023-2024 Legislative Package**
- **The Work Ahead**
- **Comments & Questions**



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# MMA's Legislative Division

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- Representing the collective interests of all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts to the Administration and Legislature
- Advocacy, Policy Work, Member Outreach
- 5 Policy Committees



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# Legislative Division



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# Spring Legislative Events

**Friday, March 17 – Fairhaven, Tyngsborough**

**Friday, March 24 – Adams, Westfield**

**Monday, March 27 – Legislative Briefing Webinar**



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# Look out for MMA's Legislative Alerts!




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February 28, March 6 and March 13

Please Register Today to Meet with Area Officials

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Dear Lisa Adams,

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[Please CLICK HERE to see the schedule, register for a meeting and get directions](#)

The Spring Legislative Breakfast meetings take place as the House and Senate start drafting the fiscal year 2021 state budget, with important decisions to be made on municipal and other accounts, based on the spending plan filed by the Governor in January. The Governor's staff will be drafting the state's capital spending plan for the new year with hundreds of millions of dollars being allocated for local government priorities, such as Chapter 90 local road projects and PFAS and other water infrastructure projects.

We expect that the next few months will feature fast-paced work on important public policy initiatives affecting cities and towns, including funding for state and local transportation projects, zoning and housing production legislation, an omnibus economic development bill, climate change initiatives in both branches, retail marijuana rules, labor law and a wide range of smaller but important bills.

These springtime meetings are a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and legislators on the key local government issues of the day as deliberations get underway at the State House.

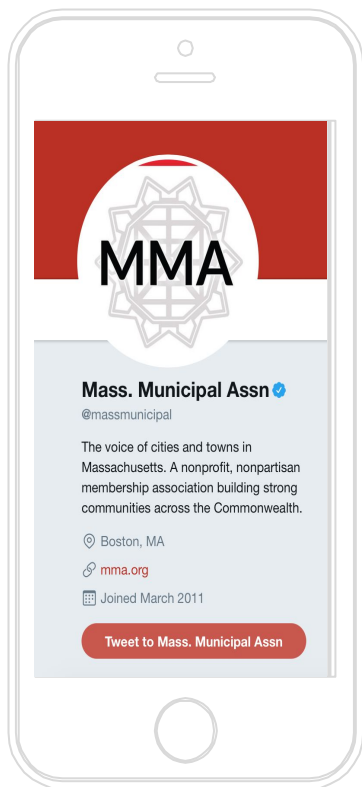
PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY! You can register through [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org) or by contacting Alexandra Champion at [achampion@mma.org](mailto:achampion@mma.org) or 617-426-7272. Meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:



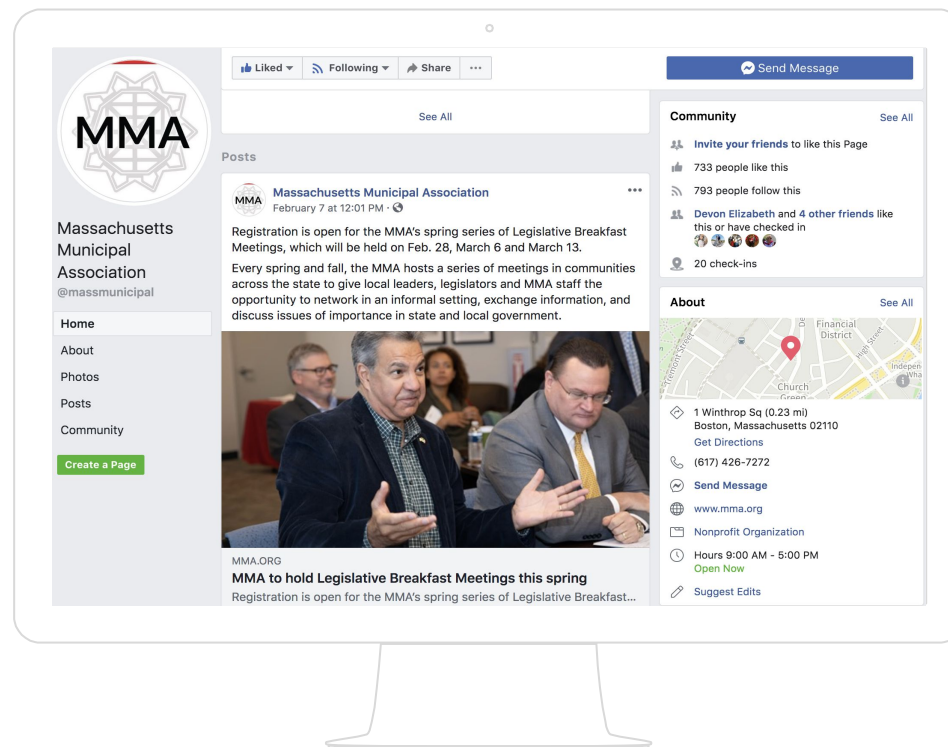


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# Early Session Action: FY23 Supp

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## **FY23 Supplemental Budget bill**

- ✓ \$86 million for migrant housing crisis
- ✓ \$65 million for SNAP benefits
- ✓ Extensions to many COVID-related authorizations - remote meetings
- ✓ Bond authorizations from immediate needs bonds bill
  - \$400 million MassWorks Infrastructure
  - \$104 million Clean Water Trust Fund
  - Technology and innovation grants





# Early Session Action: Ch. 90

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**MMA request: \$330 million per year; 2-year authorization; indexed to inflation**



January—Governor Healey files H. 52

March—Hearing; Passed by House

- Redraft—H.3547
  - \$200 million; 1 year; \$150 million for transportation-related grants

# State Revenue Picture

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## **Strong State Tax Collections Continue**

- FY2023 year-to-date collections total \$1.058 billion (or 4.7%) more than the same period in FY22
- Consensus Revenue Forecast for FY24 = 1.6% increase
- Increase with surtax = 4.1% increase



# FY2024 Budget – House 1

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## Governor’s Budget Recommendation – “House 1”

- **UGGA** - increase of 2%
- **Chapter 70** - increase of \$586M
  - 119 districts remain \$30 per pupil “minimum aid”
  - \$10M set aside for Required Local Contribution Relief
- **Special Education Circuit Breaker** - increase of \$62M
  - includes out of district transportation assistance
- **Charter School Reimbursements** - \$243M funding
  - meets state’s statutory obligation under SOA



# FY2024 Budget – House 1

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## Governor’s Budget Recommendation – “House 1”

- **School Transportation**
  - Regional School Transportation - 90% reimbursement
  - Out-of-district Vocational Transportation - 90% reimbursement
  - McKinney-Vento - fully funded
- **Rural School Aid** - increased to \$7.5M
- **PILOT** - increased from \$45M to \$51.5M



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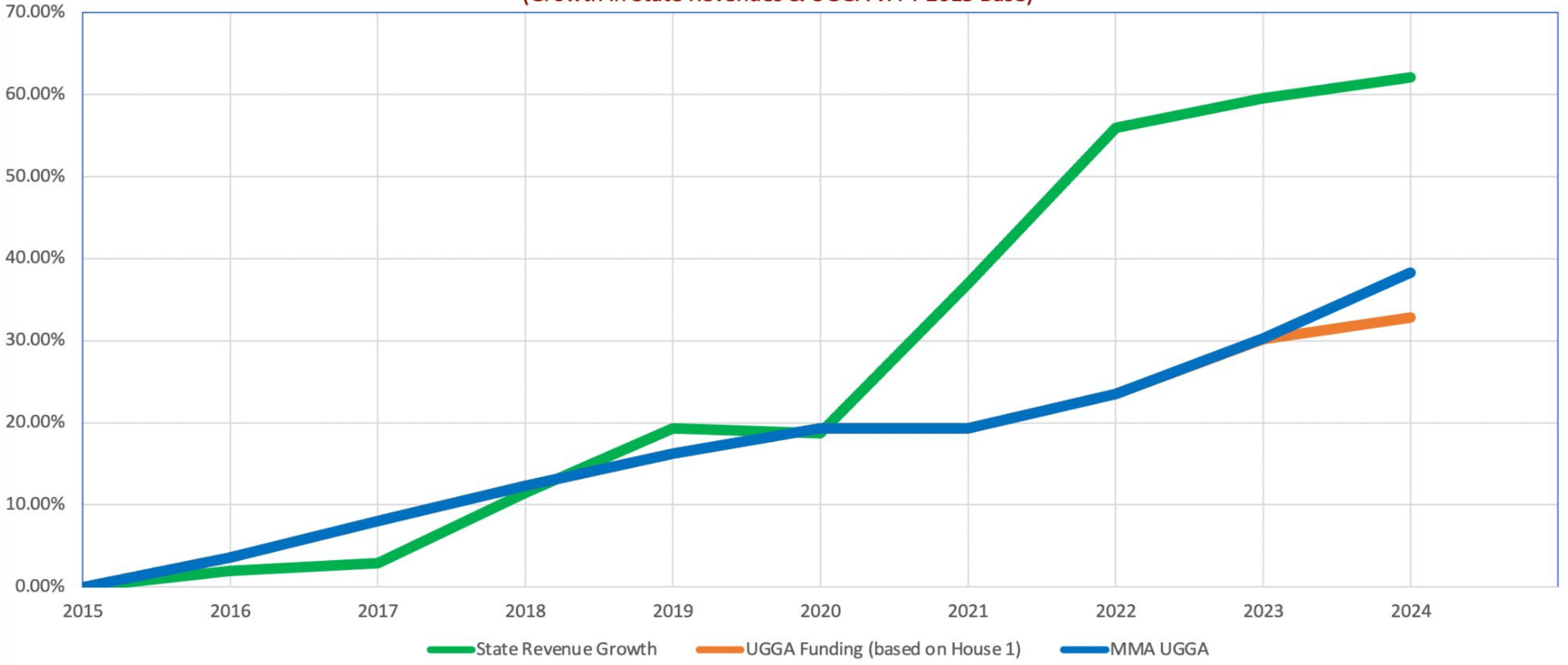
# FY2024 Budget – MMA Priorities

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- **UGGA**
- **Chapter 70**
- **Special Ed. Circuit Breaker**
- **Charter School Reimbursements**
- **School Transportation Accounts**
- **Rural School Aid**
- **PILOT**



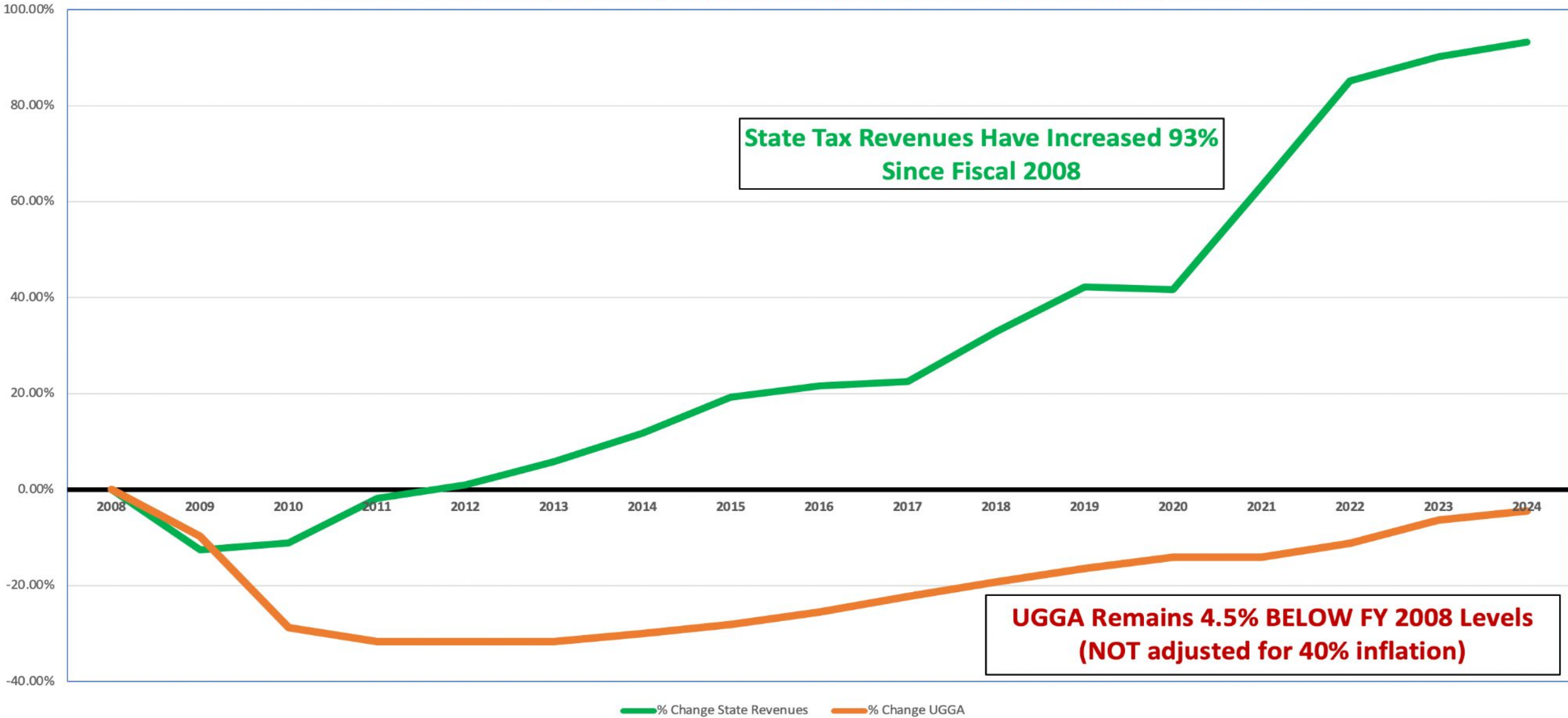
# UGGA Aid with Revenue Sharing Based on Rolling 3-yr Average Growth in State Tax Collections Starting in Fiscal 2024 (6.13% v. 2.0%) (\$75.5M v. \$24.6M) (Growth in State Revenues & UGGA v. FY 2015 Base)





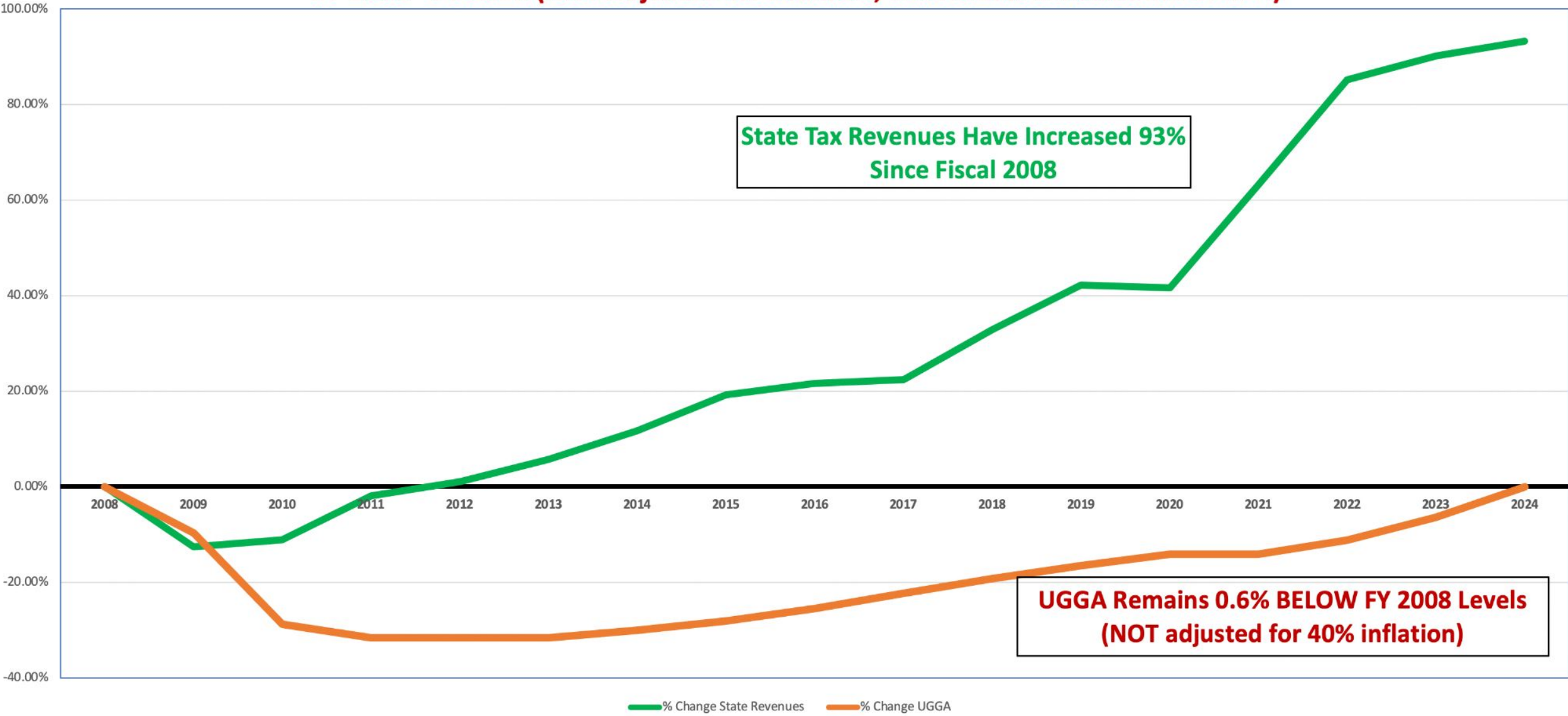
# State Tax Revenue Growth v. UGGA Growth

## FY 2008 - FY 2024 (NOT Adjusted for Inflation, with 2% increase in FY 2024)



# State Tax Revenue Growth v. UGGA Growth

FY 2008 - FY 2024 (NOT Adjusted for Inflation, with 6.13% increase in FY 2024)



State Tax Revenues Have Increased 93% Since Fiscal 2008

UGGA Remains 0.6% BELOW FY 2008 Levels (NOT adjusted for 40% inflation)

% Change State Revenues    % Change UGGA



# FY2024 Budget – MMA Priorities

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- **UGGA** - increase by 6.13%
- **Chapter 70** - increase minimum aid to \$100/per student
- **Special Education Circuit Breaker** - support increase in Governor's recommendation, also address OSD 14% rate increase in short and long term
- **Charter School Reimbursements** - support Governor's recommendation, but also work towards funding formula reform for charter schools





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# FY2024 Budget – MMA Priorities

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## **Fully Fund these accounts:**

- Regional School Transportation
- Out-of-District Vocational Transportation
- McKinney-Vento Transportation for Homeless Students
- Rural School Aid
- PILOT



# Another FY2023 Supplemental Budget

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Recently filed \$734M bill by Gov. Healey (H. 3545), now in HWM

- **Special Ed Increase Relief:**
  - \$75M that could address increased special education costs
- **Municipal Elections:**
  - \$5M for costs related to VOTES Act provisions
- **Muni Finance:**
  - Several proposed muni finance rule changes- including clarity on opioid settlement funds



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# MMA 23-24 Legislative Package

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## 24 Bills in Total, some Highlights:

- Establishing a Municipal & Public Safety Building Authority
- Permanent Option for Remote Public Meetings / Town Meetings
- Modernizing Legal Notices
- Improving Municipal Procurement
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Paint
- Promoting Water Banking
- Local Option for Civil Service Revocation
- Strengthening Local Authority in Public Rights of Way





# The Work Ahead

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- **FY2024 Budget**
  - Advocate for Key Priorities
    - UGGA - Increase of 6.13%
    - Ch. 70 Increase of \$100 per pupil Minimum Aid
    - Other Key Priorities
- **Support MMA Legislative Package**
  - Contact Legislators to co-sponsor bills
    - Support legislation during at public hearings





# The Work Ahead

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- **Rest of Year Outlook**
  - What to Watch
    - FY24 Budget
      - Including new Education & Transportation Investments (via surtax)
      - Tax Reform
    - Housing
    - PFAS
    - Recycling / EPR



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# Additional Resources & Links

- FY24 Budget Advocacy
  - Contact Your Legislators!
- MMA FY24 Budget Letter
- MMA 23-24 Legislative Package
  - Get Legislative Co-sponsors!
- Supp Budget | OML Extensions
- Ch. 90 bill
- New Supp Budget (H3545)
- Muni Finance Proposals in H3545

