



Dear MLA Members:

As 2023 winds down, we're also ending the first year of the legislative session. While all bills are still in play for 2024, other things will change as the session progresses. The Legislature is in a recess for the holidays and will officially reconvene on January 2, 2024. On tap in January is the release of the Governor's budget on or before Wednesday January 24th.

To date, state revenues are below the targets expected for this fiscal year by a total of \$700 million. Coupled with the increasing costs of providing shelter and services to migrants, the FY2025 budget may be more constrained than previous years.

We have been aggressive about trying to get an answer on the \$75 million in hotel grant money. Administration officials say the work is done but they're reviewing the list. Stay tuned for more information.

The AG has the authority to regulate trade or commerce if there are unfair or deceptive acts happening. The new regulations are attempt to curb the use of so-called "junk fees". They don't include taxes or fees authorized by law (TDMD, room occupancy fees, etc). The hearing on the draft ruling took place recently and MLA has testified. In part, testimony will ask for clarification of next steps and timeline as these facts are still unclear.

Finally, the state won a key approval from the federal government of the first application for \$372 million in funding for Cape Bridge replacement. This provides much-needed clarity on the project going forward.

Please save the date for the MLA Annual Meeting which will take place on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 4:15pm at the Colonnade Hotel. At this event we'll recap our year and outline plans for 2024. You can RSVP by clicking [here](#).

I'm also excited to share that the Massachusetts Restaurant Association has generously offered all MLA Members with Food and Beverage Operations complimentary invitations to the [New England Restaurant & Bar Show](#) on February 4th and 5th at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of! Read more about the show and how to register, below.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of assistance. I can be reached at cpappas@masslodging.com and I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Christina Pappas
President & CEO
Massachusetts Lodging Association

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Anyone involved in the running of restaurants, bars, and foodservice establishments such as
but not limited to:

- Restaurant Owners
- Executive Chefs
- Purchasing Managers
- General Managers
- Bar Managers
- F&B Directors
- Caterers/Event Planners
- Nutritionists
- Corporate Management

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SAVE THE DATE!

The MLA has a number of upcoming events so mark your calendar and save the
date! More information on each event will be sent out soon!

January 11, 2024, 4:15pm
MLA Annual Meeting, Colonnade Hotel
RSVP [Here](#)

May 6, 2024

MLA Golf Tournament to benefit the MLA Education Foundation, Pinehills Golf Course in Plymouth, MA

September 24 - 25, 2024

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Welcome New MLA Member!

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