

[name]  
[address]

Dear []:

To comply with Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-5 g1 g09, the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance ("DTA") is required to provide voter registration opportunities and assistance to public assistance applicants and clients. You are receiving this letter and the enclosed Mail-In Voter Registration Form because DTA's records show that you have recently applied for and/or received public assistance through one or more programs administered by DTA. Please note that DTA does not verify whether or not public assistance applicants or clients are currently registered to vote or eligible to register to vote.

To vote in any election, including the upcoming November 6, 2012 federal elections for Members of the United States House of Representatives, Senator and President, you must be registered to vote. If you want to register to vote in the November federal elections, please read this letter carefully.

The deadline to register to vote in the in the November federal elections is October 17, 2012. If you want to register to vote, complete the enclosed Mail-In Voter Registration Form and send it to DTA in the enclosed, postage prepaid return envelope. You must mail the completed Form so that DTA receives it no later than October 17, 2012. Alternatively, you can hand-deliver the completed Form to any DTA office by October 17, 2012, or mail or deliver the completed Form to the election official in the city or town where you live by October 17, 2012.

If you need assistance in completing the enclosed Mail-In Registration Form, or have questions regarding how to register to vote, visit any DTA office and ask for help or information. You can also get assistance or information by calling the voter toll-free number maintained by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at 1-800-462-VOICE (8683).

Your decision whether or not to register to vote, or to request assistance or information about registering to vote from DTA or the Secretary of the Commonwealth, will not in any way affect your eligibility for public assistance benefits or the amount of benefits that you receive.

Very truly yours,