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Roundtable Statement on the “Grand Bargain”

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable thanks the members of the General Court, our colleagues in the business community, and the Raise Up Coalition for their leadership and collaboration in developing the “grand bargain” on issues impacting employees and employers across the state. The Roundtable firmly believes that achieving legislative solutions to complex public policy issues is preferable to the initiative petition process, a winner-take-all approach with little room for thoughtful discourse, deliberation and compromise. Along with our colleagues in the business community, and in fruitful and respectful negotiations with advocates, we have been guided by the principle that any legislative compromise must be balanced, fair and protect the Massachusetts economy. We are encouraged that in Massachusetts, people with different goals and perspectives can come together in a spirit of collaboration to compromise and create public policy that acknowledges these differences. We remain committed to working with the Legislature, Governor, advocates and the business community to ensure fairness and equity to both employees and employers as we work toward our shared goal of making Massachusetts a highly-desirable place to do business.