A Message from Massachusetts State Representative Jay Kaufman ’68, MA ’73

The wonderfully engaged, bright, and energetic students in the “Advocacy for Policy Change” course bring new ideas and new energy to public policymaking.

Grounded in a realistic look at what it takes to advocate for and make significant change in the public arena, they dig into difficult “real world” problems and meaningfully interact with the state’s change agents and would-be (or should-be) change agents.

I have no doubt that their probing questions, insights and ideas have made me a better legislator, and help make for better policy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As a Brandeis University alum, I am particularly gratified to have had the opportunity over the past four years to help establish and nurture this valuable course, which continues the Brandeis tradition of active engagement with the pressing issues of the time.

Representative Kaufman (left) hosting the students of “Advocacy for Policy Change” at the Massachusetts State House, February 5, 2013.