

Moving Registry a waste of tax dollars

To the editor:

With respect to your Feb. 21 editorial "Tax battle looms on Beacon Hill," please be advised that I also share your concerns regarding raising taxes. However, I am baffled that your paper has supported the proposal to move the Registry of Deeds to the old Salem Superior Court. A proposal which will

cost upwards of some \$30 million, which I have been told the commonwealth does not have funding for.

As I have stated, my proposal is to remain at Shetland Park, cut our square footage in half, which will in turn cut our annual rent in half, that rent will also provide free, accessible parking for the public who use

our facility. To my mind this is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

I ask you to reconsider your position on this matter as the taxpayers and I could use your assistance toward stopping this colossal waste of tax dollars.

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