ATTACHMENT H

July 26, 2018

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning to you for amendment Section 82 of House Bill No. 4800, “An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2019 for the Maintenance of the Departments, Boards, Commissions, Institutions and Certain Activities of the Commonwealth, for Interest, Sinking Fund and Serial Bond Requirements and for Certain Permanent Improvements.”

Section 82 requires the court administrator of the Trial Court to submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2018, outlining a plan and projected timeframe for relocating the Cambridge district court from the City of Medford to the City of Cambridge. I support the purpose of having additional data in order to inform decisions on the relocation of Commonwealth facilities.

However, I believe that a full feasibility study should be conducted in consultation with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (“DCAMM”) and that the report should include specific recommendations, cost estimates, implementation plans and project timelines.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 82 be amended by striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 82. The court administrator of the trial court, in consultation with the division of capital asset management and maintenance, shall conduct a study exploring the feasibility of relocating the Cambridge district court from the city of Medford to the city of Cambridge. The court administrator shall prepare a report on the findings, including recommendations, cost estimates, implementation plans and any project timelines to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the chairs of the joint committee on the judiciary by December 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor