ATTACHMENT I

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 84 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 84 requires that grants allocated to Regional Tourism Councils through the Massachusetts Tourism Trust Fund to be distributed not later than September 1st of the fiscal year.

However, the section’s language is somewhat ambiguous and as a result, I am recommending changes that clearly indicate that the section is designed to apply to the Fiscal Year 2019. I believe this is consistent with the intent as it was specifically included in the Fiscal Year 2019 General Appropriations Act.

For these reasons, I recommend that Section 84 be amended by striking out the section and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

SECTION 84. Grants allocated to regional tourism councils through the Massachusetts Tourism Trust Fund established in section 13T in chapter 23A of the General Laws for fiscal year 2019 shall be distributed not later than September 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor