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Dear Stakeholders,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the status of the Regulation Review Project established under Executive Order 562. Our executive department agencies completed an initial review of over 1,600 regulations as required by the Executive Order and as a result, there are no plans to sunset any regulations on March 31, 2016.

As part of the review process, all regulations are submitted to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance for review and approval. Agencies have a Friday, April 29, 2016 deadline to submit their regulations to the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. Based on several factors, like the complexity of the regulation, an agency's ongoing discussions with regulatory stakeholders, or other external considerations, a limited number of regulations will receive an extension beyond April 29th. Based on this timeline, the majority of the regulatory review and approval process will be complete by the end of June.

For those of you who wish to review proposed changes under the Executive Order, A&F's website, *A Clearer Code*, provides access to the Secretary of State's "Notices of Public Review of Prospective Regulations". On the website, you can access information on regulations proposed for amendment and rescission and the process for providing comment to agencies on their draft regulations. The notices are updated every two weeks, so please check back often. In addition, a list of the regulations that have been approved to retain in current format will also be available on the website. The *Clearer Code* website can be found here: www.mass.gov/anf/regreview.

The Baker-Polito Administration appreciates your feedback on this important process over the past year. Please keep your suggestions coming - the recommendations we have received to date have been invaluable in conducting this review. Across the administration, we have held 131 listening sessions, from Great Barrington to Barnstable and received over 1,000 web and written comments.

Thank you for your participation as we work to create a clearer regulatory code for those who live, work and do business in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Lepore", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kristen Lepore
Secretary, Executive Office for Administration and Finance