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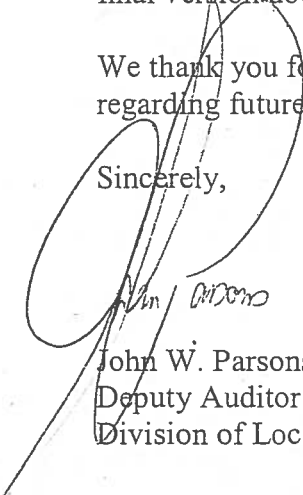
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Dear Mr. ~~Roche~~ ^{Steve}:

Auditor DeNucci asked that I write to let you know that we are closing the file on your request for a determination regarding G. L. c. 29, s. 27C, the Local Mandate Law, and House 4550: AN ACT TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY IN THE COMMONWEALTH. The original version of this proposal would have required municipal clerks to conduct hearings relative to violations of the state fire and building codes, at the request of alleged violators. However, the Legislature deleted this provision prior to enactment, so that the final version does not establish new duties for city and town clerks. See St. 2004, c.304.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and encourage you to contact us regarding future issues that may arise.

Sincerely,


John W. Parsons, Esq.
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