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August 14, 2026

Secretary of the Commonwealth
McCormack Building
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Notice of Public Hearing

Executive Office of Veterans Services – Revised Proposed Regulations, 108 CMR 2.00 through 9.00

Dear Secretary Galvin,

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, and any other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, please find the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Executive Office of Veterans Services' ("EOVS") proposed revisions to 108 CMR 2.00 through 9.00.

The proposed amendments comprehensively revise the regulations governing the administration of Veterans benefits under M.G.L. c. 115. The revisions are intended to clarify existing requirements, update terminology, improve administrative processes, ensure consistency with current statutes and practices, and provide greater guidance regarding eligibility, applications, determinations, appeals, financial eligibility and administration of Chapter 115 benefits.

The proposed Regulations are cited as 108 CMR 2.00 through 9.00 and are authorized by M.G.L. c. 115 and other applicable provisions of law.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services ("EOVS") will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the proposed revisions to 108 CMR 2.00 through 9.00.

The proposed amendments comprehensively revise the regulations governing the administration of Chapter 115 Veterans benefits. The revisions are intended to modernize and clarify the regulations, improve administrative efficiency, incorporate statutory changes, provide greater guidance regarding eligibility and financial determinations, update the appeals process, and ensure consistency throughout the regulatory framework governing the administration of benefits under M.G.L. c. 115.

EOVS will hold this public hearing remotely on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. through 2:00 P.M. via Microsoft Teams at the following link:

Microsoft Teams Link:

[Join the Public Comment Hearing for Proposed Regulations at 108 CMR 2.00-9.00](#)

or by

Meeting ID: 239 526 376 291 221

Passcode: 5TW9Gp2C

A copy of the proposed Regulations may be viewed by visiting:

<https://www.mass.gov/event/notice-of-public-hearing-revised-proposed-regulations-108-cmr-200-through-900-09-14-2026>

Any person wishing to offer comments may participate in the public hearing at the date and time indicated above or submit written comments. Those wishing to obtain a copy of the proposed Regulations or submit written comments may do so by email or mail to:

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Written comments must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on September 28, 2026**.

Attached please find the accompanying Small Business Impact Statement in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2.