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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Director Tori Kim
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Re: Proposed MEPA regulatory changes: 301 CMR 11.00

Dear Director Kim,

I am submitting testimony in strong support of the Healey-Driscoll administration's proposed changes to MEPA rules in 301 CMR 11.00.

I represent a Gateway City and I know that these communities, which are largely historical cities, have increasingly grappled with MEPA issues holding up or discouraging new investment. By implementing these new reforms, we can save the state and municipalities money while supporting housing and mixed-use development and still prioritizing environmental concerns.

Gateway Cities such as Fall River, face many hurdles in restoration projects and new investments. These reforms would help reduce these hurdles while maintaining safeguards for environmental concerns. I echo the comments made by the Gateway City Caucus Chairs and MassInc in supporting these reforms to remove barriers to development in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carole Fiola".

Carole Fiola
State Representative, 6th Bristol District