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The Honorable Kenneth J. Donnelly  
State Senator

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The Honorable William Brownsberger  
State Representative

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State Representative

Dear Sirs:

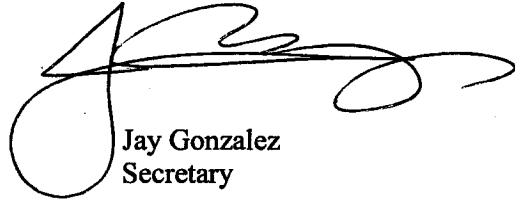
I am in receipt of your correspondence dated March 3, 2010 relative to an Asset Management Board authorized lease for the construction of a telecommunications facility on state-owned land under the care and control of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) and located near exit 59 off of Route 2 in Belmont. I have discussed this matter with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM), whose staff managed this process on behalf of DOT, and have been informed that the lease in question has been terminated due to the lessee's failure to secure the necessary local permits in a timely manner.

Please note that DCAM did in fact conduct a public process in 2006, which was consistent with AMB guidelines in place at that time, and received no adverse comment from the community. However, we have since expanded our notification process to include all abutters within a 300 foot radius of the proposed site in order to insure that the most directly effected residents are aware of any proposed project.

We continue to be sensitive to the concerns of local residents while attempting to develop creative ways to generate non-tax revenue in this difficult budget climate. The telecommunications leasing program administered by DCAM represents the successful application of this strategy, which we hope to expand in collaboration with local communities.

Thank you for making aware of your collective concerns and I am pleased that this matter has been resolved to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Gonzalez', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke.

Jay Gonzalez  
Secretary