

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

July 27, 2015

Commissioner Martin Suuberg  
Department of Environmental Protection  
1 Winter St.  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Cannon St. Power Plant Remediation Site in the City of New Bedford

Dear Commissioner Suuberg:

As you may know, last week, KG Urban abandoned its proposal to develop a resort casino along the New Bedford waterfront at the former site of the Cannon Street power plant. The power plant, located at 180 MacArthur Drive, has long been noticed and listed by the Department as a waste disposal site, and we write now to express our concerns about remediation at the site going forward.

Pursuant to section 5.2 of the Host City Agreement entered into by the City and KG Urban, KG Urban was obligated to remove existing structures and remediate all contamination at the project site, an obligation which KG Urban's environmental consultant pegged at approximately \$50 million.

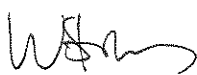
KG Urban's decision to withdraw its application has numerous far-reaching consequences, chief among them the loss of a party who had demonstrated a willingness to fund and oversee a methodical remediation of this portion of the waterfront, which they had estimated would take 9 months.

A property owner and/or responsible party remains however. Given the seriousness of the violations that have occurred at this location, including the release of materials into New Bedford Harbor, we expect that the Department will vigorously pursue and insist upon remediation at the site consistent with those actions agreed to be undertaken by KG Urban.

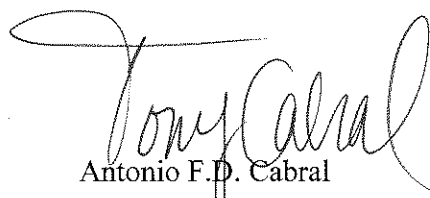
Accordingly, we are requesting, at your earliest convenience, an update as to the Department's actions in this regard, as well as a full assessment of all open matters before the Department with regard to the site.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact our offices should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to your response.

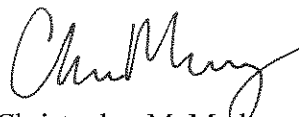
Respectfully,



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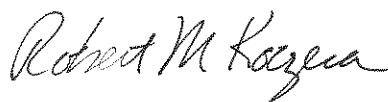
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