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September 20, 1995

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Representative Joseph B. McIntyre
State House
Room 467
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative McIntyre:

I have been informed you have written to John DeVillars, Regional Administrator for EPA, expressing your opposition to the establishment of confined disposal facilities along the Acushnet River. As you know the development of the harbor in the City of New Bedford is critical to the future economic recovery of this City and the region.

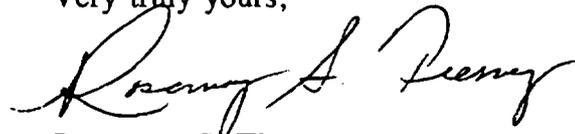
I would ask for your cooperation in the future by discussing with my office and the Environmental Division of the Department of Public Works your concerns before you make a judgment regarding the clean-up of the harbor. You recently noted to me regarding the need for continued communication on the casino issue that we gain effectiveness and strength from mutual consultation before decisions are made. I would suggest to you there is a greater need for consultation on this issue, because there are some individuals who will advocate positions that are not in the best interest of the City of New Bedford.

Obviously, you may form your own judgment with regard to issues in connection with the clean-up of the harbor. However, EPA is regularly discussing proposed solutions at considerable expense and is permitting as much public comment and review as possible. Both my office and the City Council have deferred judgment on this matter to enable the Agency to

make its presentation. Accordingly, premature expressions of opposition are not in the best interest of the City, particularly as it relates to timely clean-up of the harbor which is long overdue.

I respectfully request and encourage you to meet with me and my staff to consider a unified strategy at the earliest date possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary S. Tierney".

Rosemary S. Tierney
Mayor

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cc: John DeVillars
Congressman Barney Frank
Representative John Quinn
Representative William M. Straus
Senator Mark Montigny
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