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Mr. Paul Locke
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RE: Interim Policy #COMM-15-01

Dear Mr. Locke:

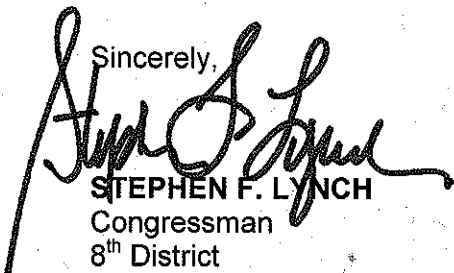
This letter is to offer my support to the Interim Policy on the Re-Use of Soil for Large Reclamation Projects based on Section 277 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014, M.G.L.

As the United States Congressman for the Massachusetts Eighth District, I represent several neighborhoods and towns impacted by soil reclamation at the West Roxbury Quarry. After careful consideration, and many discussions with both my colleagues in government, and the community as a whole, it is my sincerest hope that many aspects of this Interim Policy will be enacted into standing regulations that will protect the areas that I represent.

After review of the Interim Policy, and several discussions with DEP, and guidance from the local elected officials of the area, it is critical that communities with active or inactive quarries will have an opportunity to comment on the Interim Policies and impending final regulations that will set the standard for these types of projects. As the comment period is coming to a close, I offer my support to the recommended changes to the existing policy entered by the local elected officials in the June 16th 2014, comment letter, and I echo their requested changes to soil reclamation projects. Those changes include proper testing of soil and air quality by an independent body. That any soil and fill management plan must address the full scope and impact of traffic, exhaust, and other pollutants for all affected communities. Proper notification procedures and any and all reclamation projects must have significant DEP oversight.

Thank you for all of your excellent work on this issue and your consideration of the Interim Policy on the Re-Use of Soil for Large Reclamation Projects. If you or your staff should have any further questions going forward, do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen F. Lynch", written in a cursive style.

STEPHEN F. LYNCH
Congressman
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