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Aisling Kerr
Boston Planning and Development Agency
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Dear Ms. Kerr,

The Boston Preservation Alliance is Boston's primary, non-profit advocacy organization that protects and promotes the use of historic buildings and landscapes in all of the city's neighborhoods. With 40 Organizational Members, 125 Corporate Members, and a reach of 35,000 friends and supporters we represent a diverse constituency advocating for the thoughtful evolution of the city and celebration of its unique character. We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on projects that impact the historic character of the city.

After an initial review of the project, we understand that the revitalization plan calls for the demolition of a portion of the historic sheds, the removal of the historic gantry, modification of the historic shed roof profile, and modifications to window and door openings. Because Commonwealth Pier Five is individually listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places, we appreciate the opportunity to more completely understand the impacts of these interventions to the site's historic context. We plan to meet with the project team soon for further dialogue and look forward to engagement in the full review process.

Thank you,



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