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Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D.

April 24, 2015

Mayor Martin Walsh
1 City Hall Square
Boston MA 02201

Re: Northern Avenue Bridge

Dear Mayor Walsh:

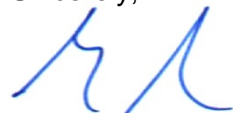
Thank you for meeting with me in January regarding the Northern Avenue Bridge. The Alliance appreciates your recognition of our long-standing concern regarding this important, historic crossing as well as our rational approach to challenging preservation projects. We are excited about the opportunity to work together with you to develop a solution that is right for the city.

We were happy to be able to contribute to productive stakeholder discussions coordinated by City Engineer, Para Jayasinghe, and were delighted with the recommendation of the group. The vast majority of interested parties recommended the city pursue a strategy of rehabilitating the extant, iconic bridge, believing a repaired historic bridge would best meet their needs and the needs of the community.

That recommendation was made a month ago, and we assume has been communicated to you. I want to be sure that also communicated is that the Alliance, and many of the other stakeholders, stands ready to work cooperatively with you to make this recommendation a reality. Many of those at the table, recognizing the Alliance met with you in advance of the group meetings, have been reaching out to me for updates.

I would love the opportunity in the next few weeks to discuss next steps and how we can be helpful in moving this effort closer to a solution.

Sincerely,



Greg Galer
Executive Director

Cc: Michael Dennehy, Commissioner of Public Works
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