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His Excellency Deval L. Patrick Governor Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House – Room 360 Boston, MA 02113

Re: Medfield State Hospital Property

Dear Governor Patrick:

I am writing to express my strong support of the united position of the citizens, volunteer and elected Boards, and the Town Administration of Medfield regarding the remediation of hazardous fill areas at the former Medfield State Hospital Property.

These positions include:

 opposition to the Division of Capital Asset Management plan for partial removal and partial capping of the asbestos-contaminated construction and demolition debris, medical and other waste, and the ash/byproducts of coal and waste incineration deposited adjacent to the Charles River. • removal from the Zone II of Medfield's primary water supply (Town Well#6) and from the potentially productive aquifer of all the above described hazardous fill deposited by the Commonwealth over the 100 years of the Hospital's operation.

• to the degree feasible, maximize removal of all hazardous fill from the gas line easement

• provide for the unrestricted use (no Activity and Use Limitations) for the area

Because the DCAM-selected Phase IV Remedy Implementation Plan (RIP) does not adequately address any of these issues, and because concerns regarding the complete identification of the nature and extent of contamination in this area have still not been resolved to Medfield's satisfaction, I concur with the citizens of Medfield and Senator Timilty (see attached) that nothing short of a complete removal of all toxic material from the site would guarantee the safety of current and future residents and all active recreational users of the site.

You have been a champion of our environment. I ask you to please ensure that the remediation of the former Medfield State Hospital property will provide future generations a model of the Commonwealth's commitment to correct historic harmful environmental practices, rather than provide an example of how, in the interests of low cost and expediency, to pass them down for our descendants.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to working with you and your administration to resolve these issues in a way that appropriately protects the citizens of Medfield and surrounding communities now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Denise Garlick