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Honorable Thomas M. Menino
Office of the Mayor
Boston City Hall
One City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mayor Menino:

Thank you very much for meeting with us regarding the Boston Groundwater Trust and the issues surrounding our activities, our challenges, and our future.

We appreciate your support to create and maintain a viable and professional infrastructure for the Trust, which will allow us to hire a qualified Executive Director. As we mentioned, the funding need for our operations is \$250,000 per year separate from the installation of wells or any other capital activities. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support your efforts to provide this funding.

We also appreciate your commitment to ensure that the Environmental Bond Bill funding for the next two fiscal years takes place as scheduled, and for your willingness to assist in obtaining any Federal funding or grant monies that may be available to support our mission.

We are looking forward to welcoming several of the City's department heads back to the table at our Board Meetings, which will facilitate communication and progress as we work through regulatory issues and other matters in which these key City government stakeholders can participate. The collaboration between the City, the State and their agencies, as well as other stakeholders is very meaningful.

We look forward to continuing our mission as a convener and educated voice; as a knowledge base and public resource for issues relating to groundwater.

Please extend our thanks to all of your staff and especially Toni Pollak for their tireless efforts and concern for the issues that we face on a daily basis.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Saunders
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