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November 30, 2007

Secretary Ian Bowles  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Proposed Article 97 Land Swap, Randolph MA – EOEEA #14115

Dear Secretary Bowles:

I am writing regarding the above referenced matter and to request an Environment Impact Report to ensure that all potential environmental concerns are addressed.

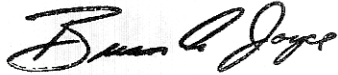
As you are aware, pursuant to Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2002, the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) was instructed to convey a 3.2 acre parcel of land in Randolph to a local business owner, in exchange for an equal sized parcel located off of High Street.

This legislative action was the result of several communications and meetings between the business owner and the Town of Randolph over the last eight years. In response to the unanimous request of the Randolph Board of Selectmen, the entire legislative delegation for Randolph filed a home rule petition relative to the land conveyance. In addition to the support of the Selectmen, the Planning Board and Finance Committee have taken numerous votes over the past five years indicating their support for the proposed land swap. Furthermore, the elected Town Meeting Members of Randolph voted by a super-majority to rezone the land to allow the proposed swap to proceed.

In order to address the concerns of local environmental groups, the legislation restricted the use of the parcel to be transferred to surface parking, open space and recreation purposes. Language was also added to protect the taxpayers by requiring the business owner to pay any difference in the assessed values of the parcels to be swapped and that the inspector general shall review and approve all appraisals.

This proposed land swap will result in no net-loss to the acreage of the Blue Hills, and has received continuous support from the local community. Nevertheless, I request an EIR to ensure that all environmental concerns are addressed. Thank you for your attention to this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



**BRIAN A. JOYCE**  
State Senator