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Secretary James A. Aloisi, Jr.
Executive Office of Transportation
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3170
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Secretary Aloisi,

I am writing to express my support to allocate a civic use for Parcel 9. After reviewing plans for the Boston Museum, I believe a regional gateway and a visitor's center would result from a civic use of the Parcel. The Boston Museum provides the opportunity to become a critical cultural anchor on the Rose Kennedy Greenway that will benefit both residents and visitors. In fact, the historic nature of Parcel 9, and its location near the Freedom Trail, between Faneuil Hall and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, makes a civic usage the most appropriate choice.

The Museum's plans for the first floor marketplace, and their intent to create an authentic urban market featuring fresh local produce and crafts, artisan foods, and historic New England craft displays sponsored by historic sites and cultural institutions from around the state, would promote tourism across our state and provide a much needed resource to local residents.

The Museum's mission to celebrate Massachusetts' proud legacy of conscience and courage, along with its culture of creativity and innovation, is one that helps our constituents understand and appreciate our great Commonwealth. The educational mission of the Museum is critical and can help promote civic engagement and a better understanding of the region in our youth.

I am told that the Boston Museum can expect a significant contribution from Liberty Mutual and other major donors in early August if designation has been awarded. I hope that the designation for this Parcel will proceed in a timely manner, with a resolution within the month.

Respectfully,

Steven A. Baddour
State Senator
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