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Ms. Patricia Leavenworth
District 4 Highway Director
MassHighway
519 Appleton St.
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Ms. Leavenworth,

As a result of the inclement weather that Massachusetts experienced over Patriot's Day weekend, I would like to bring to your attention serious public safety, transportation, and economic development issues that have arisen in the Town of Salisbury due to the Nor'easter.

A rail bed at Town Creek in Salisbury washed out and resulted in significant flooding of Route 1 and the businesses in that area. Route 1 was closed for over a week as flooding of the highway continued at each high tide preventing access to emergency vehicles, businesses, and residents.

I have attached a correspondence from Selectman Jerry Klima that provides a history of the Town Creek culvert and costs incurred by the Town of Salisbury for repairs. In these circumstances where the Town is spending money to protect a state highway from flooding, the Town would like MassHighway to participate in bearing part, or all, of the expenses related to the repair not reimbursed by potential disaster relief funds.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Steven A. Baddour
State Senator
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