



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
Secretary, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
100 Cambridge St, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

February 28, 2025

Dear Secretary Augustus,

This week, the Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities ("EOHLC") made us aware of plans to place an Emergency Assistance shelter in West Roxbury at 5 Redlands Road. We were informed on Tuesday, February 25, that planning for the Emergency Assistance shelter had been undertaken for months and that preparations to move people begin today.

Part of our role as the elected representatives for the area is to ensure the community is informed and consulted about decisions that will impact them. Informing elected officials only days before preparations begin directly conflicts with our ability to carry out those responsibilities. To date, we have not received any documentation explaining how long the shelter will be used, any details regarding preparations at the site, or an explanation of how potential impacts on the neighborhood or the City of Boston will be mitigated.

We understand that our shelter system is under immense strain, and the most vulnerable members of our population deserve to be housed and feel safe. However, we want to ensure that we, as leaders in the Commonwealth, do our due diligence. We cannot support this decision without community input. Our constituents have every right to participate in a public process and comment on this decision. We are calling for a full stop on this process until constituents are engaged in a robust community process.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to our continued collaboration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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William F. MacGregor
State Representative
10th Suffolk District

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Michael F. Rush
State Senator
Norfolk & Suffolk District

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Lynch".

Stephen Lynch
United States Congressman
MA 8th District