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Dear Attorney General Healey:


Thank you for your initial review of our request to you dated February 1, 2016, a copy of which is enclosed. Your response provided an informative memo concerning the limited instances in which the Attorney General may issue formal, binding opinions. We understand and agree that we would not have standing to request for a formal opinion.


However, our request is for an informal, advisory opinion expressly authorized by the Open Meeting Law in G.L. c. 30A, §25(b) and codified in 940 CMR 29.08. The statute and code do not limit who may request an advisory opinion and, therefore, we ask again for your review and consideration of our request.

You are welcome to share our request with interested persons within the Attorney General's office as well as with the Open Meeting Law Advisory Commission as you consider the advisory opinion and we would be pleased to answer any questions or address any comments you may have with respect to our request.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require further information from us. Again, thank you very much in advance for considering our arguments.

Regards,


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