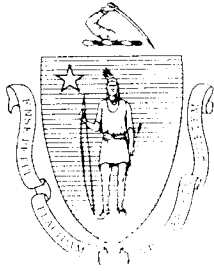


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Dear Secretary Bowles,

I am writing to offer my support to the Town of Framingham's Birch Road Wellfield Re-Activation & Water Treatment Plant (EOEA # 14197). The Town wishes to have the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) considered a Final EIR.

As municipalities face increasingly tough economic circumstances and residents are asked to pay ever escalating fees, I appreciate the initiative and creativity the Town of Framingham has shown in crafting its proposal for the Birch Road Well Reactivation project. The positive financial effect of this project is very important to the Town's residents as it will help to offset rising utility rates. The Town's water and sewer rates will increase as it continues a significant capital program to restore an aging and deteriorated infrastructure.

Given the high ranking of the project on the State's Revolving Loan Fund program and its support from the Town and the Board of Selectmen, I hope you will endeavor to consider the Draft EIR the Final EIR.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Regards,

Senator Karen E. Spilka  
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