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Hon. Antonio Cabral, House Chair
Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
State House, Room 22
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Hon. Marc Pacheco, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
State House, Room 312-B
Boston, MA 02133

Re: H3196 – An Act authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in land for the benefit of the State House grounds and property appurtenant thereto.

Dear Chair Cabral and Chair Pacheco

I write to you today in support of a bill that I filed, H.3196 *An Act authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements in land for the benefit of the State House grounds and property appurtenant thereto*. This bill speaks to a local matter that happens to involve the State House itself. Thank you for hearing this matter early.

When the State House acquired the property to build the West Wing, the property line was not drawn correctly and was drawn so that the Statehouse lawn included existing structures. A legislative fix was put in place to extend the use of that private property into the State House property by approximately 1 foot in a 99-year lease for the benefit of the owners of 25 Beacon Street. This lease will expire in a few years. This bill proposes to extend the lease another 99 years.

I appreciate the early hearing because of the time sensitivity of this matter, and I can answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Jay Livingstone
State Representative
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