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Dear Conference Committee Members,

As you deliberate *An Act to build resilience for Massachusetts communities,* I would like to request a few technical changes to the sections related to Chapter 29F Community Septic Management Program (CSMP) Expansion.

Improving water infrastructure is a key part of what we do every day at Treasury. The Clean Water Trust (the Trust) provides low-interest loans and grants to help municipalities build or replace water infrastructure, ensure the safety of drinking water, protect public health and develop resilient communities. The CSMP program currently supports communities by helping homeowners address failing septic systems under Title 5. The program provides low-interest financing so that communities can issue betterment loans to homeowners. The Trust also offers 0% interest loans to communities that pass interest savings on to homeowners earning below certain income thresholds.

Currently, only septic systems that have been deemed failed by the local board of health are eligible for CSMP financing. The language included in the bill would extend the eligible use of local loans to include "Innovative/Alternative" ("I/A") upgrades to onsite domestic septic systems that are technically functioning systems but located in nitrogen sensitive areas. These I/A upgrades would be designed to reduce nitrogen impacts of the onsite domestic septic systems, thus lessening the need for expensive sewering projects while still providing a positive environmental outcome.

Attached is a redline detailing a few minor technical changes that will assist in the implementation of the language.

Should you have any questions or concerns about these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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