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The Honorable Joan B. Lovely, Chair
Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
State House, Room 413A
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Peter V. Kocot, Chair
Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
State House, Room 22
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Lovely and Chairman Kocot,

I write in support of House 10, *An Act Relative to Chapter 30B*. The bill primarily makes technical corrections to Chapter 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act. Additionally, the bill increases a fine in Chapter 30B.

The technical changes update Chapter 30B to include correct references based on recently enacted amendments to other statutes. Sections 1, 4, 6 and 8 of the bill make changes to reflect the creation of Chapter 7C, relating to capital asset management and maintenance. Previously, Chapter 7 covered capital asset management and maintenance. Section 2 updates Chapter 30B to recognize the reorganization of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation under Transportation Reform in 2009. Section 3 of the bill corrects an inaccurate citation to a sub-clause in another statute. Section 7 updates Chapter 30B to correctly reference the Open Meeting Law contained in Chapter 30A.

Section 7 of the bill amends Chapter 30B to increase a fine. Currently, "a person who causes or conspires with another to cause a contract to be solicited or awarded in violation of" Chapter 30B can be fined not more than \$2,000 for each violation. This has been in place since enactment of Chapter 30B in 1989. My proposal is to increase this fine to \$10,000 for each violation. This will serve as a strong deterrent to those who would commit fraud against the taxpayers.

Currently, due to some confusion during the legislative process, sections 22 and 23 of Chapter 30B are identical. Section 9 of this bill strikes section 23 since it is duplicative.

I strongly urge the committee to report this bill out favorably. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and understand this legislation. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn A. Cunha". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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