



Massachusetts Aquaculture Association

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to an understanding that the funding that was allocated to promote the Boston Public Market in the recent Environmental Bond Bill may not be authorized as originally intended.

The advent of a permanent public market in Boston has long been a desire of the agriculture and local food commodity industries in Massachusetts. With an increase in public awareness of sustainably produced local food and goods, the Public Market would only strengthen the states own agricultural and aquacultural producers as well as draw the suburban public into Boston to participate in the local economy. In addition to these, the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association is in great favor of the Boston Public Market as we have lobbied support for allowing aquacultured products to be included in other local farmers markets across the state. We have recently established precedent in regulatory hurdles to enable shellfish farmers to participate in farmers markets. It is with these reasons as well as the increased “green” initiatives that this market would greatly satisfy and enhance that we ask for the support of the Public Market in Boston.

Thank You,

Massachusetts Aquaculture Association Trustees

Stephen Wright,
President

