

CAPE COD AND ISLANDS WATER PROTECTION FUND

April 13, 2026

Via E-mail

Senate President Karen Spilka
Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street, Room 332
Boston, MA 02133

Re: S.3050 An Act to build resilience for Massachusetts communities

Dear Senate President Spilka,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (Fund) Management Board in support of the \$450 million bonding authorization for clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. State Revolving Fund (SRF) capacity to support projects through the Clean Water Intended Use Plan (IUP) is a significant concern on Cape Cod as it will drastically impact the ability of our communities to implement critical water quality projects.

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund was established by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2018 to help Cape Cod and Islands towns pay for necessary wastewater infrastructure and water quality remediation projects. Since its inception, the Management Board has awarded more than \$300 million in subsidies to wastewater and water quality projects in 13 of the 15 Cape Cod communities. Access to the 25% subsidy provided by the Fund is contingent on SRF financing; therefore, the impact of limited SRF capacity is amplified on Cape Cod. The impact of SRF and the Fund subsidy on the ability of Cape towns to advance water pollution abatement efforts is unprecedented.

We understand the significant demand on the SRF Program to provide financing for crucial water quality projects throughout the Commonwealth and urge you to support S.3050 and the funding it provides to ensure the SRF Program remains a reliable source of project financing into the future.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated a significant commitment to advancing clean water on Cape Cod and across the state. Supplementing the SRF with bond funds is consistent with the objectives of the region and the state to advance water quality and wastewater projects, allowing towns to proceed as required by Title 5 and the Watershed Permits encouraged by the Healey-Driscoll Administration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Galligan

Chair, Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board

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