



# CITY OF BOSTON

## THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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Karen O'Donnell  
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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Boston Conservation Commission to applaud the outstanding and tireless service of John Lewis, a member of your organization. John was nominated to the Commission at its inception in 1970 by the Sierra Club. Over his 43 year tenure, John made significant contributions to the protection of Boston's wetland resources. His knowledge of Boston Harbor's history is unsurpassed due to living in the area and on the water for most of his life. His seafaring experience and involvement with many waterfront property owners, maritime business owners, contractors and vessel operators provided valuable perspectives and practical insights on many projects reviewed and permitted by the BCC. His knowledge of the harbor's many cultural and environmental resources contributed to the permitting of projects big and small, from seawall and dock repairs to the MWRA's Boston Harbor Cleanup and the Central Artery Tunnel Project.

While John is no longer serving on the Commission, we are certain that he will continue to advocate for the protection of Boston's natural environment through his work with the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations. We wish him the all the best.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Krueel  
Executive Secretary  
Boston Conservation Commission

CC: John Lewis  
Brian Swett, Chief of Energy and Environment