



May 31, 2007

Senator Harriette L. Chandler, Chair; and  
Representative Anthony W. Petrocelli  
Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business  
State House, Room 26  
Boston, MA 02133

**Subject: S. 146 and H. 159 (Proposed Chapter 40T)**

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce is writing in support of legislation filed to create Chapter 40T, which would allow a municipality easier access to special assessment bond financing. We have been extremely involved in the development of waste water infrastructure planning for Cape Cod. We believe that the cost implementation for many of these plans will outstrip the ability of the municipalities to pay under current options available.

Cape Cod has recently created a county-wide agency named the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative. We were part of the process that helped to create this agency, whose goal it is to assist our towns with developing their plans and finding the financing. Chapter 40T would provide an important new tool in the toolbox for the county and our 15 towns. A specially designated district, as called for in the legislation, would be quite useful in light of current planning to build infrastructure of varying degrees in an array of sites across the peninsula. We understand this may not solve all the needs in every town, but it would certainly have application on Cape Cod.

We applaud the efforts of the Commonwealth to develop creative financing mechanism and hope you will favorably support Chapter 40T.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Northcross", written in a cursive style.

Wendy K. Northcross, CCE  
CEO

cc: Cape Delegation