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Honorable Frank Israel Smizik  
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Joint Committee on the Environment  
State House Room 473F  
Boston, MA 02133

**Re: HB 4145, An Act Establishing the Rose Kennedy Greenway**

Dear Senator Resor and Representative Smizik,

A Better City (ABC) sent a letter to you in March 2008 that expressed our strong support for House Bill 4145, An Act Establishing the Rose Kennedy Greenway. As mentioned in that letter, we believe this legislation to be of the upmost importance. The successful care, maintenance and programming of these cherished park spaces will reinforce Boston's vibrant economy and improve our quality of life for generations to come. Furthermore, ABC members believe the legislation broadly accomplishes what we have supported for over a decade – it creates a single purpose entity to oversee the Greenway and provides the funding necessary to adequately care for these spaces. This legislation is long overdue.

We would like to follow our initial letter of support with a more detailed list of comments on the specifics of the legislation for your review. These comments outline a few thoughts that the abutting business community has with regard to the governance structure as outlined in Section 10; the lease and related issues in Section 12; and funding for the Greenway as specified in Section 13. Please see these comments in a bulleted list attached.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your continued leadership on this issue. If you have questions or would like to speak about any of these items, please feel free to call me directly at (617) 502-6241. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Dimino  
President & CEO

cc: Senate President Therese Murray  
Speaker of the House Salvatore F. DiMasi  
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