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Dear Chief Osgood:

Thank you for keeping an open dialog with the Boston Preservation the Alliance regarding the Northern Avenue Bridge. As you well know, this organization has played an active and consistent role in this dialogue for decades.

Given recent developments, I felt it important to update our Board of Directors at our January 12 meeting. The Board has asked me to clearly communicate the Alliance's position, voting to support the following language:

The Boston Preservation Alliance will continue to publicly advocate for a preservation-minded reconstruction and repair of the Northern Avenue Bridge. We recognize the current condition and the immediate safety challenges but also the negative impacts of the loss of this significant historic structure. The importance of this icon to the success of Boston's Seaport and its livability has been recognized by the City with its long-term commitment to preserve the bridge.

We will continue to serve as a resource to the City, working toward a viable short- and long-term solution, but will not bend on the goal of returning the bridge to operating order as a functioning, iconic element of the city's historic and future landscape. The Alliance will be public in its leadership role while working with the City, regulatory agencies, and the many diverse civic organizations seeking the return of a safe and functioning Northern Avenue Bridge.

I look forward to continuing our open dialog with you and the City team to develop a solution for this defining feature on Boston's historic waterfront.

Sincerely,



Greg Galer
Executive Director

Cc: Mayor Martin Walsh, City of Boston
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