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February 17, 2023

**VIA First-Class Mail and Email**

The Honorable Maura Healey  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon St.  
Office of the Governor  
Boston, MA 02133

**Re: Town of Milton Lawsuit Against the MBTA**

Dear Governor Healey –

The Town of Milton is faced with an immediate crisis: the MBTA is moving forward on plans to demolish the stairs at Milton Station on Adams Street in Lower Mills, despite the Town's objections and the Town's lawsuit filed against the MBTA on this matter.

The stairs at Milton Station have been in disrepair and closed by the MBTA for nearly a decade. The deplorable condition of that long-neglected staircase is not only a safety hazard, but also a blight on the community, an eyesore to residents and visitors, and an impediment to commuters.

Such an injustice has not, and would not, occur in MBTA communities such as Newton or Wellesley, or Brookline, but Lower Mills, the doorstep to Dorchester and Mattapan, is left with no plan, no design, and no action for years and then decades. The Town objects to this disparate and inequitable treatment and seeks immediate relief.

Since the stairs have been closed, the Town of Milton has requested MBTA action repeatedly, specifically to repair and reopen the staircase; however, our efforts have been ignored by the MBTA and has left the Town with a perpetually decrepit staircase in a station used frequently by Milton, Dorchester, and Mattapan residents.

More than a year ago, Milton Town Counsel sent a demand letter to the MBTA seeking action. A copy of that demand letter is enclosed. The MBTA's failure to respond and act compelled the Town of Milton to file a lawsuit against the MBTA on October 13, 2022. A copy of the Town of Milton's complaint against the MBTA is enclosed.

The MBTA's response to the Town's efforts to seek a remedy to this injustice has been to inform the Town that it will demolish the staircase and leave a hole there for up to yet another decade.

We implore you to step in immediately to prevent the MBTA's continuing injustice against the Town of Milton, the communities of Lower Mills, and all those who seek to use MBTA's Adams Street station.

Please do not hesitate to contact Town Administrator Nicholas Milano with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Doyle", written over a horizontal line.

Arthur J. Doyle, Chair on behalf of the Milton Select Board

CC: Secretary Gina Fiandaca  
MBTA Interim General Manager Jeff Gonneville  
Cecile M. Fraser, Acting Chair, Commonwealth Utilities Commission  
Congressman Stephen F. Lynch  
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