



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**THE GENERAL COURT**  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

May 12, 2016

Thomas Hopkins, Director  
MA Architectural Access Board  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1310  
Boston, MA 02108-1618

Re: Waverley Commuter Rail Train Station, Docket No. C12-033 & V13-076

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

We are writing in support of the time variance requested by the MBTA regarding the board's rulings on Waverley Station in Belmont. We believe that allowing this station to remain open while the MBTA directs scarce funds towards system-wide accessibility improvements will allow for the maximum benefit to all riders.

The MBTA is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to rank the importance of accessibility improvements in order to provide the greatest benefit to the riding public. Waverley station should be made accessible on a timeframe informed by that process. Waverley is one of the lowest ridership stations in the commuter rail system and scarce accessibility funding should be allocated where it will yield greater improvements per dollar.

We appreciate your consideration and hope that you will grant a time variance to the board's rulings.

Sincerely,

  
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Representative John J. Lawn  
10<sup>th</sup> Middlesex

  
Representative Jonathan Hecht  
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