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To: The Honorable Raymond Gallison
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Daniel DaPonte
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

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Date: April 3, 2014

Subject: Amendments to the FY 2015 Appropriations Act (13-H-7133)

The Governor requests that Article 5 – Relating to Capital Development Program be amended to include the following new language.

On page 53, line 24, insert “Funds provided under this section may also be used for the purchase of Development Rights to farms by the Agricultural Preservation Commission.”

This change addresses some concerns raised at hearings on the proposed bond referendum and will ensure that it is clear that the proposed \$3.0 million authorization within the \$75.0 million Clean Water, Open Space and Health Communities bond can be used for traditional farmland preservation and the new program of farmland acquisition. This will allow the Department of Environmental Management to better take advantage of opportunities for farmland protection overall and also makes this section more consistent with Section 1 (4) (f).

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

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