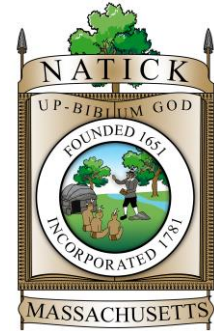


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June 24, 2019

The Honorable David P. Linsky
The Honorable Rebecca L. Rausch
State House
24 Beacon Street
Rooms 146 and 218
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Bill #2740 and #1899

Dear Representative Linsky and Senator Rausch,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to formally support the passage of House Bill #2740 and Senate Bill #1899 relative to an act promoting governmental efficiency.

This proposed legislation would help close the loopholes in the Public Records Law and the Open Meeting Law and would allow municipalities to operate more efficiently. In recent months, the Town of Natick has seen a dramatic increase in public records requests and open meeting law complaints filed by just 2 -3 individuals. Many of the public records requests are frivolous and/or redundant, however staff is required to fulfill these requests. It is very difficult to respond to all these requests in a timely manner while still providing services to other citizens of the Town of Natick.

Passage of these bills would be an important step in allowing our staff to continue to provide the high service our residents are accustomed to.

Thank you.

Michael J. Hickey, Jr., Chair
On behalf of the Natick Board of Selectmen