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Chair, Lowell Board of Health
341 Pine Street
Lowell, MA 01851

Dear Lowell Board of Health Chair,

As you may know, the Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health was established by Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016 to "assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventive measures." The Commission, chaired by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner Monica Bharel, recently released its draft report - *Recommendations for Improved Effectiveness and Efficiency of Local Public Health Protections in the Commonwealth*. The draft report and additional information about the Commission are available at www.mass.gov/dph/olrh by clicking on the link to the Commission on the DPH Office of Local and Regional Health home page.

The Commission welcomes comments on its findings and recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders interested in the future of local public health services and protections in Massachusetts. Please share this information with others in your city or town.

Comments on the draft report may be submitted by May 31, 2019 to:

LocalRegionalPublicHealth@MassMail.State.MA.US

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Local and Regional Health, Attention: Jessica Ferland, 5 Randolph Street, Donovan Building, Canton, MA 02021

The Commission looks forward to reviewing feedback on the report at its next meeting in late June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron O'Connor".

Ron O'Connor, MPH, Director
Office of Local and Regional Health