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John M. Mosher, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
18 Main Street
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BY:

Dear Chairman Mosher:

I write on behalf of Crossroads Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a Foxwoods, Massachusetts, (“Foxwoods”) the applicant for a Category 1 gaming license. We are in receipt of your letter to Foxwoods requesting that Foxwoods recognize the Town of Hopkinton as a surrounding community and provide it with information about the potential impacts on Hopkinton as a result of Foxwoods’ proposal. As you are aware, the Town of Milford is currently considering Foxwoods’ proposal to develop a gaming facility and Foxwoods and the Board of Selectmen have held numerous public meetings to discuss the proposal as well as Milford’s concerns about the impact of a casino on the community. All of Foxwoods’ studies and impact reports as well as the Town consultant’s reports can be found on the Town of Milford’s web page.

Foxwoods is also committed to addressing the concerns of all nearby communities that may be impacted by the proposed development. In order to work with the Town of Hopkinton and all of the other nearby communities in an efficient and productive manner, Foxwoods will sign an agreement with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, a Regional Planning Agency (“RPA”) to take the lead to facilitate discussions with any impacted community. The RPA will assist potential surrounding communities to both study any impact of the casino and facilitate negotiations of any necessary surrounding community agreements.

At this time Foxwoods is not designating any particular town as a surrounding community. However, once the RPA begins its work more information will become available with regard to nearby communities and then Foxwoods will determine whether or not to designate a community as a “surrounding community” in accordance with 250 CMR 125.01(1)(a). As you may know, there are other ways a community is recognized by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission as a “surrounding community” under 250 CMR 125.01. Any community that executes a surrounding community agreement which is submitted with Foxwoods RFA-2 application may be designated a surrounding community. In addition, when Foxwoods submits its RFA-2 application for a gaming license, the regulations 250 CMR 125.01(2), provide a process for any community to submit a written petition to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission requesting it be designated a surrounding community.

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In the meantime, the RPA has sub-contracted with the Central Massachusetts Planning Commission to organize and host working sessions with groups of potential surrounding communities. The RPA will work with each potential surrounding community on an individual basis to address specific community concerns, needs and preferences. The scope of work for the RPA is quite broad and includes, among other things, analysis of transportation, housing, economic impacts, water resources and public safety. The result of these sessions may be a single regional impact agreement or individual agreements which will memorialize the measures Foxwoods will commit to in order to mitigate any significant impact on surrounding communities. It is our understanding that the RPA is finalizing a schedule of meetings and will be in contact with potential surrounding communities.

We hope the Town of Hopkinton will participate with Foxwoods in the RPA's process to ensure that its mitigation needs are adequately addressed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert L. Allen, Jr." in a cursive style.

Robert L. Allen, Jr., Esq.

cc: Stephen Crosby, Chairman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
John Ziembra, Ombudsman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Scott Butera, President
David Nunes, Chief Development Officer
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