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Dear Honorable Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell:

It is the request of the city of New Bedford's Human Relations Commission to amend Article IX, Commission On Human Relations, Section 2-131-Purpose.

This ordinance has not been amended since October 12, 1995. Over the past twenty years the state of Massachusetts has expanded on protected classes. It is the request of this commission that the ordinance mirror the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination's declaration of protected classes, as well as the various Human Relations Commissions throughout the state, to include: physical and mental disability, age, ancestry, & gender identity.

In keeping with the provisions of the Human Relations Ordinance, which the body adheres to, these changes will promote greater protection, education and understanding of the progress that has been made in the advancement of equal opportunities within the State of Massachusetts. It is the desire of this commission that the City of New Bedford stand with other cities within the state whose ordinances reflect these changes. We would like this request to be sent to the Committee on Ordinances subject to approval by the Office of the Mayor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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