

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL ON AGING DIVISION

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Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell Office of the Mayor City Hall, Rm 311 133 William Stret New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Free Senior Pass to Fort Taber

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

The Council on Aging Advisory Board members voted at the September 10, 2015 meeting to send you a letter regarding parking at Fort Taber. The board members feel that many seniors and disabled residents cannot afford the \$5.00 parking pass fee. They believe if the parking fee was waived for those populations, seniors and disabled residents would utilize the amenities at Fort Taber and the beaches more frequently.

Thank you very much for your attention to this issue, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bruce Duarte, Sr.

Chairperson, Council on Aging Advisory Board

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