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November 4, 2015

Dear Dennis,

I would like to thank the City Council for their letter from October 27, 2015 regarding the Governor's proposed legislation controlling the Opioid epidemic and abuse. We, as a legislature, are acutely aware of the detrimental effects of this crisis, and are very determined to mitigate the issue. The Governor's legislation is certainly a step in the right direction to doing so.

I look forward to working towards a positive resolution on this issue with my colleagues.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Markey".

Christopher Markey
State Representative, 9th Bristol District



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October 27, 2015

The Honorable Christopher Markey
State Representative
State House, Room 155
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Rep. Markey:

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on October 22, 2015, the New Bedford City Council Adopted a Written Motion, sponsored by Councillor Gomes, *"Requesting, that the New Bedford City Council go on record in support of Governor Baker's proposed legislation aimed at controlling the Opioid epidemic and abuse; and further, that the City Council send a letter to our State Delegation and Senate President Stan Rosenburg supporting the Governor's initiative and legislation that includes a provision that would allow Medical Professionals to commit a person to a drug treatment facility for up to 72 hours if they pose a danger to themselves or others, along with a three-day restricted prescription for first-time users of this pain relief medicine."*

The Council respectfully requests your support and assistance in its effort to bring about a positive resolution to this important matter. It is on their behalf that I thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact me directly should you or your office require additional information.

With kind regards,

Dennis W. Farias
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

cc: Brian K. Gomes, Council President 2015
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