

Mark E. Nunnelly Commissioner of Revenue

Sean R. Cronin Senior Deputy Commissioner

March 4, 2016

Hon. Jon Mitchell Mayor City of New Bedford

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

As of the E-mailing of this letter, the Annual City and Town Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015 (Schedule A) which was due from your community on November 30, 2015, has not been submitted on the Gateway system to the Bureau of Accounts.

The information in this report is added to DOR's Municipal Data Bank and is used by many state agencies, the legislature and the executive administration for program research and analysis that may determine grants or policy. The data is also provided by DOR to the United States Census Bureau for use by federal agencies.

We must also advise that Massachusetts General Laws authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to delay payment of state aid to a city or town that has not filed this report. Due to the long overdue status of this report, we intend to withhold your monthly local aid payments beginning March 31, 2016 until the report has been received. In order to receive your March distribution on time, DLS must receive your Schedule A Form by March 15, 2016.

Your Bureau of Accounts field representative is available to answer any questions you have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sean R. Cronin

Senior Deputy Commissioner

Cc: Chair, City Council