

August 10, 2021

*Re: Hand delivered*

New Bedford Planning Board  
New Bedford City Hall  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

**Re: Proposed Zoning Change – Case #21-25**

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Dear Members of the Planning Board:

We are writing to you as property owners, taxpayers, business owners and most importantly as employers to express our strong objection to the above referenced proposed zoning change.

We are all long-time participants / investors in New Bedford's Working Waterfront. We directly employ hundreds of people and indirectly employ hundreds more – providing them with a chance to earn a living and support their family. For decades, our businesses have been essential to making New Bedford the Number One Fishing Port in the United States. Our investments and hard work have been the single most important driver of New Bedford's economy for decades – in good times and in bad times.

In recent years, our businesses have been pressured by two separate interests that have made it more difficult for us to continue to operate and to grow our businesses: (a) the wind industry; and (ii) retail businesses. We recognize and appreciate that change is natural and evolution is required. We are willing to adapt over time. In so doing, however, we ask that the City recognize and prioritize our waterfront industrial needs. We feel strongly that the existing zoning along Route 18 and south of the Eversource site is appropriate to support the seafood industry which is the most important part of New Bedford's economy. The current zoning also supports the wind industry. In contrast, the proposed zoning would also take away from both the Working Waterfront and the new wind industry.

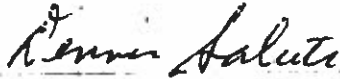
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We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Marder Trawling



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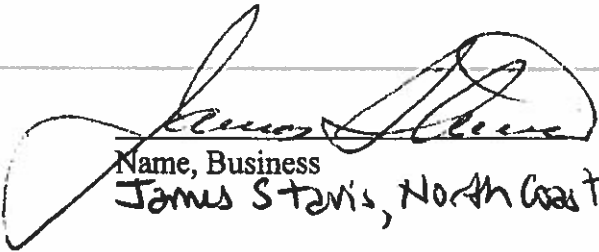
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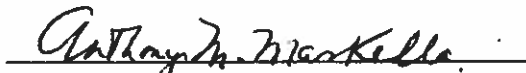
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