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Councillor Ward Six

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Mr. William Hinkley, Program Administrator Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Subject: East Rodney French Boulevard Seawall Dam, Levee and Seawall Repair and Removal:
BD-23-1042-ENV-ENV01-82726

Dear Mr. William Hinkley:

On behalf of the City of New Bedford's Ward Six Councillor, I am writing to express strong support for the Dam, Levee and Seawall Grant Application submitted by New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI).

The East Rodney French Boulevard Seawall and Tabor Park Pier Project is important to the community of New Bedford as the shoreline, beaches, roads, sewer and drain lines and major manufacturing industries are major assets to the City that remain vulnerable if the seawall and pier are compromised. Protecting the pier and sea wall and therefore protecting the assets behind it are major factors of this project that we would like to see addressed.

If you have any questions regarding the City Council's support on this project, please contact me at (508) 979-1455.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan J. Pereira
Ward Six City Councillor