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Re: New Bedford Regional Airport Terminal and ATC Tower Replacement Project

Dear Senators Warren and Markey, Congressmen Keating and Auchincloss:

I am writing with regard to the New Bedford Regional Airport terminal and air traffic control (ATC) tower replacement project. The existing facilities at New Bedford Regional Airport were constructed in the 1950s and the terminal building is the oldest active commercial terminal facility in New England. As such the airport faces a critical need to replace the terminal and air traffic control tower.

Last year, working with the city, I, along with the state legislative delegation, was able to secure a commitment from MassDOT for funding for design and engineering needs for a new airport terminal; the project is to be programmed as part of MassDOT's upcoming Capital Improvement Plan. In my recent discussions with the city's project consultant, the most efficient and safety related change at the airport calls for the separation and rebuild of the FAA certified control tower away from the new public terminal.

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