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Dear Ms. Stephenson:

I would like to express my appreciation to FHWA, MassDOT, the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, the Chatham Board of Selectmen and all other consulting parties that participated in the Section 106 telephone conference on January 4, 2012.

I agree with the Advisory Council and the Chatham Board of Selectmen that the conference was productive and provided all the consulting parties with an opportunity to express their concerns and observations regarding the Section 106 process. I also support the prompt completion and execution of a modified Memorandum of Agreement to insure that the state and federal funding for the bridge replacement is not jeopardized.

I especially wish to thank MassDOT and all its representatives who participated in the Mitchell River Bridge Project from its inception to date, and particularly for their forbearance during the lengthy and sometimes trying Section 106 process. In my opinion, MassDOT deserves all the parties' appreciation for the many compromises it has made in the design of the replacement bridge since the first proposal was presented to Chatham citizens in September 2009, and for its perseverance in adhering to its experience and best engineering practices for the design of a fittingly context-sensitive bridge for Chatham.

I look forward to signing the modified Memorandum of Agreement.

Respectfully,

George Myers