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President William J. Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

As you prepare your 1997 Budget, I respectfully request that you include \$100 million for the clean-up of Boston Harbor.

In previous budgets you recognized the importance of continued funding for several clean water projects that were causing extraordinary financial burdens to area residents. Your proposal for \$100 million for the clean-up of Boston Harbor was appreciated. It is critical that Massachusetts receive continued federal assistance for this project.

The Boston Harbor Project is under court order to comply with the mandates of the Clean Water Act. The Federal government has contributed \$630 million -- or 18% of the cost of the project. The 2 million ratepayers in 43 cities in towns in Massachusetts are paying 78% of the cost of this federally mandated project. These people are teachers, nurses, policemen, firemen, and small businessmen who can't continue to pay their escalating water and sewer bills. The average household water and sewer rates, which are among the highest in the country, have increased by 390% in the past ten years.

I reiterate the importance of including \$100 million in the 1997 Budget for the clean-up of Boston Harbor. Thank you for your ongoing support for this project.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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