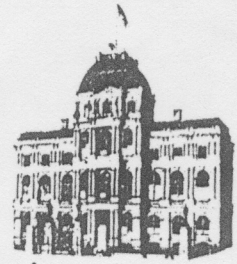


Architectural Conservation Trust (ACT) For Massachusetts



MEMORANDUM

TO: Preservation Action Directors:
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cc: Nellie Longworth, Preservation Action Washington Office

FROM: Martin R. Adler, Executive Director, ACT
William V. Anderson, Project Manager, Garbose Building -Project of ACT

RE: Pickle Bill: Action Requested

BACKGROUND

As you know, our Garbose Building in Gardner, Massachusetts is a key project necessary for the revitalization of the downtown area. It has been in planning for over four years by downtown civic and city groups and was scheduled for construction this June, but stopped because of the Pickle Bill.

This project is part of Governor Dukakis' and Senator Tsongas' state based space/downtown development strategies. MIFA and UDAG financing are in place.

It must go forward. It will pump over \$500K into this downtown, bring temporary and permanent employment to the area.

Lt. Governor Kerry used the Garbose Building Project as an example of worthwhile projects in his testimony before the appropriate Congressional Committee on June 15, 1983.

ACTION NEEDED:

What will benefit this project most from the Senate is a transition rule which reads like that now existing in the House draft. (See attached.)

We expect you will be able to support this input, because it is eminently unfair to abort and penalize projects which have reached our level of private and public commitment.

Please call me when you have read this and tell me how we can further help.

Enclosures: Garbose Building article, picture and PA Bulletin

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