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STATE HOUSE, ROOM 111, BOSTON, 02133

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Senator Elizabeth Warren
2400 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

Dear Senator Warren,

Thank you for soliciting input as you continue to work to bring federal funding to the Cape Cod Bridges Replacement Program. As a state senator representing the region that will be impacted by the continued degradation of these bridges, I appreciate every opportunity to advocate for this essential project. I continuously hear from constituents and visitors about the disruption extended maintenance of the bridges has caused in their daily lives and the need for the bridges to be replaced.

The recent partial closure of the Sagamore Bridge and the planned partial closure of the Bourne Bridge have caused increased congestion and decreased confidence in the ability of the existing bridges to serve the community. As acknowledged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), continued deferred replacement of the bridges will require additional short-term reductions to single-lane traffic in both directions and will result in the permanent reduction to single-lane traffic on the bridges in the 2030s.

The Commonwealth is committed to working in close partnership with the USACE, our federal delegation, and all federal stakeholders to advance the work of replacing the existing bridges. Governor Healey has committed to doubling the Commonwealth's existing \$350 million commitment in funding to replace the bridges, demonstrating the Healey-Driscoll Administration's dedication to fully implement the Cape Cod Bridges Replacement Program.

The Sagamore and Bourne Bridges are literally the connection and lifeline for the communities of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket, and their disrepair directly impacts our safety, economy, and quality of life. With more and more of the region's workforce commuting daily to and from Cape Cod over these bridges, and scores of visitors traversing these bridges to visit the region, their replacement is paramount.

I am eager to work with you and all our state and federal partners to advance the project to replace the existing Cape Cod bridges.

Thank you for your continued attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julian Cyr".

Julian Cyr
Cape and Islands