Governor Baker & Members of the State House and Senate:

We are writing in support of the Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) and to encourage your continued leadership on this important regional effort.

As a program within Smart Growth America, LOCUS is a national coalition of real estate developers, investors, and planners who advocate for policies and programs that support sustainable, equitable, and walkable development in America's metropolitan areas. Research shows that one of the most significant ways to reduce transportation-generated greenhouse gas emissions is by building dense mixed-use neighborhoods that do not require residents, workers, and visitors to rely solely on access and mobility by private automobile. All across the country, market demand is high for this type of development pattern, especially in transit-rich environments like the Greater Boston region.

The LOCUS Massachusetts chapter supports the TCI because the tenets of its Declaration of Intent are the same goals we promote in our ongoing conversations with Cities and Towns all across the Commonwealth. Specifically, we applaud all efforts to:

- Develop state and local land use strategies that encourage increased commercial and residential housing density and encourage transit-friendly design;
- Improve the performance of existing highway, transit and other transportation modes while enhancing neighborhoods and urban centers;
- Promote mixed-use development that supports viable alternatives to driving.

Our organization is pleased to join the growing list of supporters of the TCI and we look forward to working with you to ensure that any strategic imperatives that arise from this regional collaboration will benefit the Commonwealth's communities and citizens for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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