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Dear Resident:

As MassHighway continues to study construction options for the I-93/I-95 interchange and Route 128, we want to share with you our position regarding the remaining MassHighway proposals. **As your next Governor and Lt. Governor, we will demand that MassHighway return to the drawing board and explore alternate proposals.**

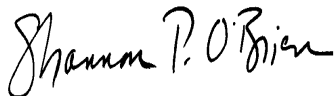
The proposed construction is of vital concern to the residents of Reading, Wakefield, Woburn and Stoneham. While there are safety and traffic problems at the interchange that must be solved, we must ensure that the needs of area families are given the highest priority in any adopted plan.

MassHighway continues to forge ahead despite pleas from residents, community groups and elected officials for a more thorough process. At the latest town meeting in Reading on July 16th, MassHighway offered three proposals, each of which propose to destroy approximately 100 homes and result in the decrease in property value of many homes. During the presentation, it is telling that MassHighway devoted more time to explaining the eminent domain process than it did explaining why homes may have to be taken in the first place. From MassHighway's perspective, it seems that taking homes is a foregone conclusion.

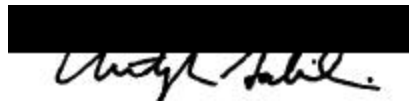
We must take a step back. Taking even one home should be the last possible solution; taking 100 homes cannot be the only option.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call Rich Davey in our campaign office at 617-268-2500.

Sincerely,



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