



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

March 3, 2025

Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners
90 Canal Street, Suite 500
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

RE: Extension Request for Jones Library Project

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

We write with regard to the request for a month-long extension for the Jones Library Expansion and Renovation Project in Amherst. As we understand it, the requested extension to April 30, 2025 will allow for the final negotiations and necessary paperwork between the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Town, and the Library on the final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the inclusion of this MOA in the review by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to secure the federal funding for this project. This work is necessary in order for the project to receive its federal funding before signing a contract with a general contractor and starting construction.

We remain grateful for the MBLC's ongoing support of the Jones Library Expansion and Renovation Project. Your partnership continues to be extraordinary. We remain committed to supporting the priorities of the Town of Amherst to complete this project and respectfully request your strong consideration of this extension request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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MINDY DOMB
State Representative
Third Hampshire

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jo Comerford".

JO COMERFORD
State Senator
Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester