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Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services

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Response Letter from: DOR

September 18, 2014



Ronald Bergstrom, Speaker  
Cape Cod Regional Government Assembly of Delegates  
First District Courthouse – Route 6A  
Barnstable, MA 02630

Dear Speaker Bergstrom:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 5, 2014 requesting that the Division of Local Services perform a review of Barnstable County's financial operations, government structure, and regionalization and consolidation opportunities for county departments and agencies for which the county serves as fiscal agent.

It is our understanding that the impetus for this review stems from concerns regarding the financial management practices of the County with regard to the Cape Light Compact (CLC) and the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC). The Division's Technical Assistance Section provides consultant services to cities and towns on municipal operations, government structure, and financial management. I must advise that we have no expertise on or regulatory authority over entities such as the CLC or the CVE. Given the magnitude of this study and the focus of our Division on city and town financial management, we do not believe that this request can be accommodated with our very limited resources. Therefore, we must respectfully decline the assembly's request.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-626-2358, or by email at [blakez@dor.state.ma.us](mailto:blakez@dor.state.ma.us).

Regards,

Zack Blake, Director  
DLS Technical Assistance Section

cc: Rick Kingsley, Bureau Chief, Division of Local Services

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*Ronald Bergstrom, Speaker*

*Letter to: DOR*

September 5, 2014

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Re: Request for Technical Assistance Services

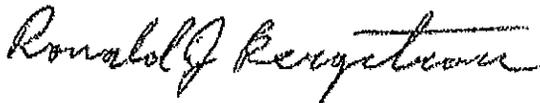
Dear Mr. Blake;

On behalf of the Assembly of Delegates, the legislative body of the regional government known as Barnstable County please accept this letter as a request to the Division of Local Services for technical assistance services.

The Assembly is requesting a review of its financial operations, an analysis of its government structure, and exploration of the feasibility of regionalizing consolidating services for all Barnstable County financial operations, including and not limited to county departments and agencies in which the county acts as a fiscal agent. The Assembly requests this action to take place before the preparation of its fiscal year 2016 budget which will begin in December 2014.

Please know that the Assembly of Delegates is available to you and your office for any questions you may have relating to this matter and would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



Ronald Bergstrom, Speaker  
Assembly of Delegates

cc: Board of County Commissioners