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John E. Flynn
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Dear Mr. Flynn:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the Weld Administration's rumored proposal to administratively transfer responsibility for maintaining state parkways in the Boston area from the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD).

As you may know, the Administration recently announced that it was abandoning any plans for an administrative transfer. The Governor's official budget recommendation for fiscal year 1995 does propose making the MDC parkways state highways under MHD control, as part of its proposal to abolish the MDC entirely. Apparently, the Administration continues to support this proposed legislation, but that would clearly require favorable legislative action, which I do not anticipate.

As an attorney who has represented the interests of workers for many years, rest assured that I will continue to monitor this situation closely, and to devote my efforts to protecting the rights of working men and women at the MDC.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. Birmingham

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Comm. received from Senator Birmingham
re: the transfer of responsibility
for maintaining state parkways
from the MDC to the Mass Highway
Dept.

In City Council March 21, 1994

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