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## RE: Delaying the Landmark Petition for Fish Pier, 212-234 Northern Avenue

Dear Mayor Wu and Members of the Boston Landmark Commission,

I'm writing today to respectfully request the deferral of designating the Fish Pier at 212-234 Northern Avenue in the South Boston Waterfront as a Boston Landmark, due to both a lack of community process and any notification to the South Boston elected officials.

In recent days, it abruptly came to my attention that the City will begin a process of designating the Boston Fish Pier as a Boston Landmark. Unfortunately, neither myself, nor my colleagues, were made aware of this proposal. In fact, it is my understanding that the City is acting on a petition filed in 1995. Thirty years ago, the South Boston Waterfront was a very different place, void of almost all of the buildings, residents, and visitors we see there today. Moreover, in 2017, I supported the successful effort to place the site on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, this is a state asset, owned and operated by Massport.

Before acting on a petition filed 30 years ago, and hastily proceeding with a process that failed to engage relevant stakeholders and the local elected officials, I am respectfully requesting that the Boston Landmarks Commission pause to allow for genuine and meaningful dialogue on why this designation is necessary at this time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at directly 617-635-3203, or at <a href="Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov">Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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