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President Andrea Campbell
Boston City Council
1 City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201

Subject: *Docket #0250, an ordinance protecting local wetlands and promoting climate change adaptation in the City of Boston*

Dear President Campbell and members of the Council:

Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”) writes to you in support of Docket #0250, an ordinance protecting local wetlands and promoting climate change adaptation in the City of Boston. This ordinance, put forth by Councilors Wu and O’Malley, represents a critical step forward in achieving a climate-resilient future.

Adoption of a Local Wetlands Ordinance (“LWO”) was identified in the 2016 Climate Ready Boston Report as an important strategy for climate resilience. Councilors Wu and O’Malley have worked tirelessly with stakeholders and the Walsh administration over the past year to develop the language in this ordinance and strike an appropriate balance between protecting critical resource areas and providing flexibility for the implementation of climate resiliency measures. There is still more work to be done in 2020, but passing this ordinance is a significant and meaningful step in the right direction. We look forward to working closely with the City and the Council on the next phase.

We urge you to heed the recommendation of the Committee on Government Operations and pass this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Deanna Moran
Director, Environmental Planning

Cc: The Honorable Martin J. Walsh
Chief Christopher Cook, Department of Environment