



Brockton, Massachusetts
"City of Champions"
Bill Carpenter – Mayor

February 23, 2016

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: The Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2015 (S-1802)

Dear Senator Warren:

The City of Brockton is poised for a great rebirth. Businesses are investing, our schools continue to shine, and our quality of life is on the rise. As we look to capitalize on our positive momentum, we will need every tool available to us, and every financial efficiency we can find.

As such, I respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 1802, The Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2015, which would undue a burdensome new rule imposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that will threaten investment in municipal money market funds (MMMFs) and significantly increase the cost of borrowing for cities like Brockton.

The regulatory changes proposed by the SEC would require a floating net asset value (NAV) for MMMFS, as opposed to the existing fixed NAV of \$1 per share, would make municipal bonds less attractive to investors. If municipal bonds become substantially less attractive to investors, borrowing costs for vital infrastructure projects in our City will increase, seriously limiting an important source of funding and raising our costs to borrow at a time when we need every penny.

Beyond just our own borrowing in the city, this new rule could impact the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the state's general obligation bonds, and other statewide financing tools that benefit all of our 351 cities and towns.

S.1802, which will allow these MMMFs to retain the essential fixed net asset value, is vital to Brockton and other Gateway Cities throughout Massachusetts. I join with the Massachusetts Municipal Association and other leaders from across the Commonwealth and respectfully urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Bill Carpenter
Mayor
Brockton, MA