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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:

As a State Representative and former Marshfield Selectman, I respectfully ask you to support Senate Bill 1802, The Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2015, under consideration by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

During my time as selectman, we successfully pushed for a long-overdue school expansion, repaired our sea wall and improved our infrastructure. We made these improvements despite the constraints of Proposition 2 ½, because we budgeted well and made wise financial decisions. This is the kind of prudent management that has made municipal bonds one of the safest investment options for investors, which in turn allows cities, towns, the Commonwealth and critical agencies like the Massachusetts School Building Authority to borrow money at affordable rates.

However, a recent Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulation, scheduled to go into effect in October, will change the underlying net asset value (NAV) for municipal Money Market Funds from a fixed one dollar per share sum to a floating NAV.

As a result of this rule, several large financial institutions have already announced a move away from municipal money market funds. This jeopardizes the ability of municipalities across the Commonwealth to efficiently fund public works and infrastructure projects, such as badly needed schools and bridges.

S.1802 would restore the fixed \$1 per share value for money market funds, while leaving the SEC's other proposed safeguards in place. I urge you to support this bill, and help protect our ability to borrow and build at affordable rates.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions of would like to discuss the matter further, please feel to contact me directly.

Regards,



James Cantwell

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