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Representative Wells statement on New MBTA Communities Act Guidelines

“The emergency regulations pertaining to the MBTA Communities Act released by the HLC were misguided and once again ignore the necessary public and community input period, just what the SJC ruled previous guidance did not do.

As noted in the court decision, ‘The HLC will need to promulgate guidelines consistent with the APA’s procedural requirements, and as those new guidelines MAY DIFFER FROM THE ONES PRESENTLY IN PLACE, we need not reach whether the existing guidelines are consistent with the act.’ Clearly, the actions taken under these emergency regulations are not within the intention of the SJC ruling. We are only asking for fairness.

In response to the court’s decision last week, Governor Healey said her administration wants to work with Milton. I welcome that and have stated publicly many times before that I am ready to work with the Healey-Driscoll Administration in good faith to seek a common ground on behalf of the citizens of Milton. While I stand by that belief, these emergency regulations make this task that much more difficult.”

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