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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

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September 12, 2011

Senator Marc R. Pacheco
Massachusetts State House
Room 70
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Senator Pacheco:

We want to express our serious concerns about the possible closure of the Wareham District Court. This will have a costly impact on both our citizens and our Police Department.

This change will impose an obvious additional burden to the victims of crimes who must travel to appear in court or get services such as restraining and harassment orders. They will now have to travel 3 or 4 times as far to get to court. Many of these people have limited resources and ability to travel.

It will cause additional costs to our Police Department which comes after years of budget cuts. Additional travel and delays due to continuances because of court congestion will surely impact our limited budget. Also adult cases would be heard in Plymouth and juvenile cases would be heard in Brockton. This will cause huge logistical problems for our one court officer going between 2 courts to do his job. It will also result in a reduction of available officers on the streets as prisoners transported during the daytime will now have to be taken much further away from our town.

We ask that you consider these issues and do what is possible to prevent the closing of Wareham District Court. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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