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Francis Thomas
Regional Administrator
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Region 1
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10 Causeway Street
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RE: Thomas J. McIntyre Building, 80 Daniel Street, Portsmouth, NH

Dear Administrator Thomas:

Please accept my congratulations on your recent appointment by President Biden to the post of Regional Administrator for GSA's Region 1. As you know, the City of Portsmouth has had a long working relationship with your administration in Region 1 concerning the disposition of the McIntyre Federal Building. Although it is currently going through the commercial auction process, I would like an opportunity to speak with you personally about this property. While neither of us can lay claim to being there 20 years ago when this relationship began, or the following two decades, we will be joined by leading our respective organizations through the conclusion of the disposition.

I trust you have been made aware of the fervent disagreements between our collective legal teams, but the purpose of this meeting would be to discuss the constituents we, through our elected and appointed positions, both serve. Legal disagreements aside, there is nothing that would prevent the GSA from making this conveyance to the City, and thus facilitate the building of desperately needed workforce housing on the site, fulfilling a need vital to our otherwise thriving economy. I must imagine the President noted, as have I, your commitment to affordable housing when appointing you to lead

Region 1. Those of us who choose a civic path will be defined on how we rise to meet the need of housing over the coming weeks, months, and years.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this with you in more depth by person or phone and to share with you how important this property is to the City of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,



Deaglan McEachern
Mayor