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June 5, 2018

Representative Paul Tucker
State House
24 Beacon Street – Room 136
Boston, MA 02133

RE: House Bill 4524 – Superior Court and County Commissioners' Building

Dear Representative Tucker:

The Board of Historic Salem, Inc. is fully supportive of House Bill 4524 that moves ownership of the Superior Court and County Commissioners' Building from the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to the Salem Redevelopment Authority (SRA).

Historic Salem has been advocating for reuse of these two beautiful and significant buildings since 2004, when the planning process for the J. Michael Ruane Courthouse began. As interested parties in the 2008 Memorandum of Agreement we requested the initial feasibility study and highlighted preservation priorities for each building. With transfer of these buildings to the SRA we anticipate a timely re-development which will enliven this gateway to our downtown, and allow flexibility on specific occupants that will ensure re-use plans can be successful and creative.

Historic Salem appreciates your efforts, in partnership with Senator Lovely, on behalf of this project and all the historic resources of Salem, which provide economic and cultural life to our city. We look forward to timely passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Tim Jenkins

Tim Jenkins,
President

CC:
Senator Joan Lovely
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