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Dear Mr. Woolson:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Romney regarding the litter problem on our nation's roadways. The Governor has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The appearance and maintenance of our infrastructure is a priority of the Romney Administration, and is being addressed by MassHighway through several public/private initiatives. We are actively seeking partnerships with businesses through our Adopt a Highway and Sponsor a Highway Programs. These programs give businesses the opportunity to demonstrate a willingness to improve our environment while providing them with high visibility locations to advertise their services.

In addition, Project Clean is a statewide initiative allowing citizens to monitor roadways and report any particular problem areas. Under this program, citizens may call either #321 on a cellular phone or 1-888-359-9595 on a standard phone to report roadside litter. In 2003 alone, MassHighway responded to over 2700 calls to the Project Clean line.

To complement these initiatives, daily litter patrols by MassHighway personnel and an Inmate Litter Program assist in this effort. Your suggestions to increase public awareness and enforcement of litter laws are indeed valid, and are among additional measures currently being considered to combat this problem.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Grabauskas".

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