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Secretary Bethany A. Card
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA)
Attn: Page Czepiga, AICP, Assistant Director MEPA Office
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

RE: University of Massachusetts Lowell
2022-2027 Notice of Project Change and Strategic Development Plan Update (EEA #14881)

Dear Secretary Card:

On behalf of the University of Massachusetts Lowell, I am pleased to submit this Strategic Development Plan Update which outlines the continued development of the university over the next five years. After more than a decade of rapid and dramatic expansion, UMass Lowell is stabilizing as a vibrant public research university with modest growth that services as one of the major economic engines of the Merrimack Valley and the premier regional driver for educating talent and fostering innovation and discovery.

The university also maintains a sincere commitment to reducing, minimizing, and mitigating its impacts on the environment and has been consistently recognized for its contributions as a leader in energy conservation and sustainability. More stable enrollment levels also assist in further lessening our environmental footprint, in most cases at levels below those forecast in 2016.

We would like to thank your agency for its ongoing collaboration with us as we enter a second decade of permitting under our shared special review procedure that enables this filing. We look forward to your and other partners' review of this plan and hope you share our confidence that the campus will continue to support the Commonwealth's commitment to climate action and sustainability.

Should you have any questions about this material please contact Adam Baacke, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Development, at 978-934-2601 or adam_baacke@uml.edu.

Sincerely,

Julie Chen, Ph.D.
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