



GSA Administrator

May 29, 2014

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen:

This letter provides an update on the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) continuing efforts to meet the space needs of Federal agencies currently housed in the McIntyre Federal Building (McIntyre) in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

After a careful and detailed evaluation, GSA has determined that it is in the interest of the Government, the taxpayers, and the City of Portsmouth to vacate McIntyre to enable the property on which it is located to be put to a productive re-use. GSA found that relocation is the most responsible long-term solution due to the evolving requirements of the agencies currently housed in McIntyre; the opportunity to sharply reduce the footprint of these agencies at a new location; the limited resources available nationally to GSA to make capital investments; the competitive market rates available in the Portsmouth market; the lack of leases in the surrounding area that could potentially be consolidated; and the high costs of renovation.

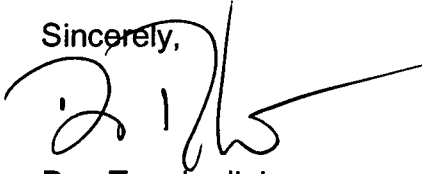
GSA will immediately begin working with the current tenants in McIntyre to develop updated requirements, incorporating new, efficient standards that should allow them to reduce their overall space needs. GSA is ready to engage with the City to find a mutually beneficial path forward for divesting the McIntyre building from its portfolio, recognizing the value of the property to the taxpayer. While GSA cannot guarantee that the property will be conveyed to the City, GSA is committed to divesting McIntyre in a way most advantageous to the public interest and providing every opportunity for the City to fairly acquire the property, if they so choose. Developing a plan to successfully relocate the tenant agencies will require the cooperation of a broad array of stakeholders and will take time. I am confident, however, that we are now moving down a path that will prove beneficial to the Government, partner agencies, the City, and the public.

I greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue, as well as the consistent effort of you and your staff to help find a resolution on this long-standing matter.

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If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 501-0800, or Ms. Lisa Austin, Associated Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Tangherlini', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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