



January 26, 2016

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor, City of Boston  
1 City Hall Square, Suite 500  
Boston, MA 02201-2013

Dear Mayor Walsh:

Thank you for your commitment to ending Veteran homelessness. Your leadership—and that of your colleagues in the City of Boston—has been instrumental as we work together to ensure that every Veteran in our country has a home.

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Department of Veterans Affairs are pleased to confirm that the City of Boston has achieved the milestone of effectively ending chronic homelessness among Veterans. We are confident that the infrastructure and systems you have built will ensure that any Veteran experiencing chronic homelessness in the City of Boston will get the support they need to quickly obtain a permanent home. We also appreciate your continued focus on ending homelessness for all Veterans in Boston.

On behalf of USICH and our Federal partners, thank you for answering the First Lady's call to action through the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. We recognize and appreciate your extraordinary team, and look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work to end homelessness for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Doherty".

Matthew Doherty  
Executive Director

Cc: Ann Marie Oliva, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, HUD  
Lisa M. Pape, Executive Director, VHA Homeless Programs, VA