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Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department
20 Bradston Street
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

## Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on May 14 and 15, 2024. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses some of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

- 1. In instances where you indicate maintenance notified, cells occupied, paint detail sup. notified, inmate telephone contractor notified, engineering notified, operations and planning notified, food service contractor notified, or plumbing contractor notif., please provide a corrective action and appropriate anticipated date of completion.
- 2. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the CSP appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

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cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH

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