Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Charles D. Baker, Governor ◆ Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant Governor ◆ Jennifer D. Maddox, Undersecretary

August 9, 2022

Ben Gold
Executive Director
Sterling Housing Authority
41 Sholan Ter Ste 41
Sterling, MA 01564

Re: Grant of Waiver from Requirement that Town Appoint a Tenant Board Member (Waiver 1: Town has a Current Board Member Who is a Tenant/Rental Assistance Participant)

Dear Executive Director,

Pursuant to Section 90 of Chapter 358 or the Acts of 2020, as codified at M.G.L. c. 121B § 5A, this letter serves as a statutory waiver of the requirement contained in M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that a Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the Town's Local Housing Authority ("LHA").

Upon review of the materials provided with the LHA's waiver request of 8/3/2022, the Department is satisfied that there is a tenant/rental assistance participant of the LHA already serving on the LHA's Board. As such, the Department is granting a statutory waiver from the requirements of M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5 that the Town appoint a Tenant Board Member to the LHA's Board.

This waiver is valid through 08/10/2023 and may be renewed for one year at a time until the existing tenant's/rental assistance participant's current term expires or their seat is vacated.

If at any time the existing tenant/rental assistance participant is no longer a member of the LHA Board, this waiver shall be considered void and the LHA is required to notify the Town of the requirement to appoint a Tenant Board Member pursuant to M.G.L. c. 121B, § 5.

The LHA must post this waiver on its website and in its common areas. The LHA must also notify its Local Tenant Organization(s), if any, of the grant of this waiver.

If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.

Sincerely,

Ben Stone

Benjamin Stone,
Director
Division of Public Housing

cc. Kathleen Farrell, Town Clerk
Carolyn Heimberg, LHA Vice-Chair