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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to the article "Big Dig Needs \$54m Light Fix" on April 5, I would like to commend the officials at the Massachusetts State Department of Transportation for considering the use of energy-efficient LEDs as replacement lights in the Boston area tunnels. This technological upgrade will make a significant impact on the quality of light in these unique and challenging environments. LED lighting is long-lasting, more durable

in vibration environments like roadway applications, energy efficient, eco-friendly, and more cost effective than traditional lighting technologies, which will save the state (and taxpayers) money over the long term.

Our products are manufactured and technology designed in MA, are currently tested and approved in similar applications in New York City and the NY DOT with our OEM customer, ABS Lighting out

of New Haven, CT. These US manufactured fixtures are brighter and easier to maintain than traditional light source technologies.

The global marketplace for lighting is rapidly changing and LED technology is the illumination choice of the future. LEDs are poised to become the global lighting standard over the next few years and the Commonwealth is making the correct decision in utilizing the technology in new and existing projects.

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