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Honorable Congressman Barney Frank  
United States House of Representatives  
B303 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Frank:

On behalf of the New England Region of the National Community Development Association (NCDA), I would like to express my appreciation to Gail Laster for recently taking the time to meet with myself and other Community Development Directors from across Massachusetts while we were attending the NCDA meeting in Washington, D.C. We greatly appreciated Gail's very insightful and informative discussion regarding federal block grant programs.

I would especially like to thank you for your unwavering support and continued advocacy for the federal block grant programs. As you are aware, these programs are so critical to local governments in maintaining decent housing, adequate infrastructure, viable neighborhoods and economic opportunities, especially for lower income persons.

I have attached additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs in New Bedford. With your great support, these programs continue to demonstrate the diversity of this crucial federal funding and the resulting economic impact on our community. I in New Bedford, as well as my colleagues across Massachusetts and the rest of the country will continue to work tirelessly to ensure these programs provide the direct resources to the neediest in our community.

Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Sullivan  
NCDA Region 1  
Director, City of New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development

cc: Gail Laster