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The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senate
421 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Brandon:

On behalf of the New England Region of the National Community Development Association (NCDA), I would like to express my appreciation to you for taking the time to meet with us recently in Washington DC.

I would especially like to thank you for your very insightful and informative discussion regarding federal block grant programs. Please extend our great appreciation to Senator Kerry for the support and continued advocacy for the continued level funding for these programs which are critical to local governments in maintaining decent housing, adequate infrastructure, viable neighborhoods and economic opportunities, especially for lower income persons. Please also extend our thanks appreciation to John Phillips for his continued support.

I have attached additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs in New Bedford. These programs demonstrate the diversity of this crucial federal funding and the resulting economic impact on our community. We are very grateful for your willingness to attend our Region I meeting at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA on March 22, 2011. We will provide you with additional regarding the agenda and programs.

It was a pleasure to have you share your thoughts and vision to our NCDA membership.

Thank you again for taking time from your schedule to participate. It was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Sullivan
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