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Honorable Senator Scott Brown
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

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

As you are aware, the Community Development Block Grant program allows communities like New Bedford, to continue to respond to current and emerging community development needs, including the creation of jobs, development of affordable housing, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of vital services, and important infrastructure improvements. We understand the challenges facing the federal budget process and we look to your continued leadership and support for these vital federal block grant programs.

I have attached additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs in New Bedford. With your support, these programs will continue to demonstrate the much needed economic impact in 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 are effectively administered and that they provide the direct resources to create economic opportunities for the most needy in our community.

Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Kristen Granchelli, Vanessa Sinderson, Jerry McDermott