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is our city's greatest resource**

Ms. Carleen Taylor
Program Manager
Weatherization Assistance Program
Community, Energy and Refugee Services
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Designation of Subgrantee, ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program

Dear Ms. Taylor:

The City of New Haven is pleased to nominate itself through its Livable City Initiative (LCI) department to become the Program Subgrantee of the DSS American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") Weatherization Assistance Program for the Greater New Haven Area.

In view of the circumstances surrounding the "Agency To Be Determined" status of the Program Subgrantee for the New Haven area, the City of New Haven would be interested in submitting an application to the Department of Social Services to fill the vacancy. Based on the materials provided and testimony received at the hearing on May 5, 2009, the City of New Haven has standing to apply.

The City's LCI possesses years of experience in addressing the complexities of urban blight and blight prevention through its administration of City, HUD HOME, CDBG, Lead, State Special Act and other programs. This has included projects initiated and administered by LCI, as well as through contracts awarded to other organizations. In addition, LCI's breathe of experience also includes a low income homeowner repair program and a City home weatherization program to be launched in the Summer 2009. It is important that the Subgrantee for the ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program be able to coordinate and leverage a variety of other funding mechanisms to provide a seamless maximization of effort in achieving the results sought by the Plan's goals. LCI's historic track record, we believe, demonstrates that capability.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Carbonaro-Schroeter, Deputy Director, Livable City Initiative at (203) 946-8274.

Very truly yours,

John DeStefano, Jr.

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**This creative impression is the work of Jennifer Montalvo, a student at Nathan Hale School.*