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Ms. Claudette Beaulieu, Deputy Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT. 06106

Re: Weatherization Assistance Program/The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

I am proud to support Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA) application to be designated a "temporary subgrantee" for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization funds.

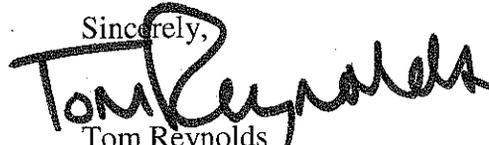
TVCCA has been an integral part of the social service infrastructure in Southeastern Connecticut for over 44 years and has a long history of providing weatherization and energy assistance. They hope to use this grant to weatherize over 430 homes in the next three years.

To help utilize this grant TVCCA has a dedicated staff person as well as solid partnerships with the Eastern Connecticut Builders Association, NeighborWorks® New Horizons and other local vendors committed to weatherization activities. If this grant is provided jobs will be immediately created and the housing conditions of numerous families in Southeastern Connecticut will be improved.

Additionally, the TVCCA has partnered with Three Rivers Community College and the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board to train low income individuals in the "energy efficiency" industry. This is a significant long term benefit to the

community, providing many in the region the skills they need to thrive in the 21st century job market.

I thank you for your consideration of TVCCA and hope that you will grant this request.

Sincerely,

Tom Reynolds
State Representative