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Dear Ms. Fabris:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Former Central Connecticut Region 2016-2021 Update. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 C.F.R. pt. 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations.

This plan approval includes the following participating jurisdictions that provided copies of their resolutions adopting the plan.

- City of Bristol
- City of New Britain
- Town of Southington
- Town of Berlin
- Town of Plainville
- Town of Burlington
- Town of Plymouth

With this plan approval, the communities listed above are eligible to apply to the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility requirements identified for each of these programs. A specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding; even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved.

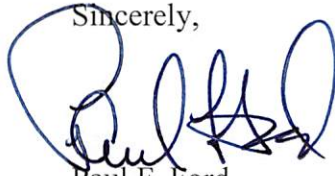
Approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Complete information regarding the CRS can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>, or through your local floodplain administrator.

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The Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Former Central Connecticut Region 2016-2021 Update must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of September 13, 2016** in order to maintain eligibility for mitigation grant funding. We encourage Capitol Region Council of Governments communities to continually update the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and implement, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Surette at (617) 956-7559.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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Enclosure