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Washington, DC 20510

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**RE: Capitol Region Council of Governments—Economic Development Planning Assistance**

Dear Mr. Gartzke:

We write to you today in continued support of the application submitted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) of Hartford, Connecticut to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance program for funding to aid the State of Connecticut in recovering from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and plan future resiliency measures.

Rather than submit several individual applications, CRCOG coordinated with all nine of Connecticut's Councils of Governments, Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, and Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, in addition to REX Development, MetroHartford Alliance, AdvanceCT, and the Global Resilience Institute to create one cohesive application to streamline the state's proposal for economic recovery efforts. This proposal currently stands as the state's sole consolidated application being submit to the EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance program and has earned the full support of the Governor's office as a path forward for the state as a whole.

As expressed in our initial letter dated July 28<sup>th</sup>, the damage incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic is mercilessly widespread and requires a concerted effort by public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders to formulate a plan of recovery and resilience against future disasters. It is critical that our state responds to this crisis in a swift and comprehensive manner, and the CRCOG application is a critical component to doing so. Therefore, we reaffirm our support for this proposal and request your full and fair consideration of CRCOG's request for funding through the EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance Program.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



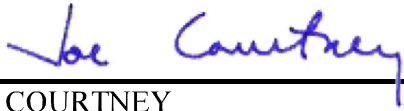
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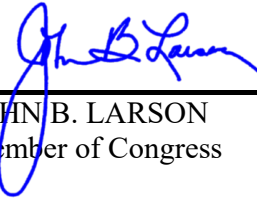
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