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Samuel S. Gold, Executive Director Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments 145 Dennison Road Essex, Connecticut 06426

Dear Director Gold,

Thank you for the recent submission of your CEDS document. EDA appreciated the opportunity to review your CEDS document for the period of April 2023 through April 2028.

We are pleased to inform you that EDA's review of your CEDS document and process align with the regulatory and programmatic requirements and your CEDS has been accepted by EDA. The priorities and focuses outlined within your CEDS document will help form the foundation of how EDA reviews applications for Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs from your region.

We greatly appreciate the work of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments Board and CEDS Strategy Committee to develop this innovative, regionally driven economic development strategy. EDA looks forward to continuing to work with you to help support the goals and priorities outlined in your recently submitted CEDS.

Sincerely,

Debra Beavin, Economic Development Representative CT, MA & RI Philadelphia Regional Office

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