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Michele Paul,  
Director of Resilience and Environmental Stewardship  
City of New Bedford  
133 William Street, Room 304, New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Michele Paul,

We, at PACE, Inc., are writing to express our wholehearted support for the City of New Bedford's application for the US EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program's Implementation Grants General Competition to establish a One-Stop-Shop for home energy and building improvements.

The One-Stop-Shop represents a transformative approach to home and building improvements that is so desperately needed in our community. By providing a comprehensive program to enhance indoor air quality, increase energy and water efficiency, and reduce utility bills, the program will address a critical need in our region. The limited availability of existing programs and incentives for homes and businesses in our area make the one-stop-shop model crucial. It will ensure that residents have easy access to technical assistance, financial resources, and qualified contractors necessary for successful project implementation.

Moreover, we appreciate One-Stop-Shop's commitment to prioritizing low-income and disadvantaged communities in outreach, engagement, and project selection. This will ensure that the benefits of comprehensive whole-building retrofits are distributed equitably across our community. As the local antipoverty Community Action Agency, we work with this population on a daily basis. Providing members of our community who fall into this group with additional tools to assist as they work to provide for their families is a key component of our work. We look forward to collaborating with the City of New Bedford, with this representing yet another way we can work together to help support the most vulnerable in our community. Our Fuel Assistance program looks forward to working closely with this program if funded.



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In summary, we fully endorse the City of New Bedford's pursuit of funding for the One-Stop-Shop for home energy improvements. We believe this initiative will have a positive and lasting impact in New Bedford and a model for the program delivery in the wider region.

Sincerely,

Pam Kuechler  
Executive Director