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To: New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

From: Central New Mexico Housing Corporation

Re: **Letter of Support for the weatherization readiness and electrification funds**
Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD),

Central New Mexico Housing Corporation is pleased to support the Enabling Access to Energy Efficiency, Decarbonization, and Healthy Homes Coalition application by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. Funding to expand and continue New Mexico's Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant Program and Weatherization Readiness Program will help overcome barriers that low-income communities face in accessing residential energy efficiency and will support thousands of New Mexicans to reduce their energy burden, live in healthier and more comfortable spaces, lower our state's emissions, and enable them to qualify for and access further incentives for weatherization, efficiency, electrification, and renewables.

Central New Mexico Housing Corporation involvement with these programs includes Weatherization Assistance Program.

Central New Mexico Housing Corporation support will allow the coalition to implement these programs more effectively by performing Weatherization Assistance to low-income New Mexicans within our service area these funds will enable us to bring homes up to the minimum weatherization standards which will allow us to defer less homes from receiving weatherization assistance using the WRF funding.

EMNRD and MFA are well-positioned to compete for this opportunity, and we urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to seriously consider this grant application and award the funds to support this crucial work.

Sincerely,

Cyndi Hazzard
Executive Director
March 19, 2024