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February 27, 2023

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President, and New Haven Board of Alders City Hall 165 Church Street New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Re: \$50,000 Grant from United Illuminating to Increase Participation in Energy Efficiency Improvement Programs

Dear President Walker-Myers and Esteemed Alders:

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) supports New Haven's application, in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Service's I Heart My Home program, for a \$50,000 grant from the United Illuminating Community Partnership Initiative.

We urge the Board of Alders to authorize the mayor to apply for this grant and accept funding.

The grant would fund outreach to increase participation in energy audits, adoption of energy-saving measures, and installation of heat pumps among income-eligible residents, renters, and residents with limited English proficiency.

We look forward to increased energy efficiency and lower costs for all New Haven residents.

Sincerely,

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed/environmental-advisory-council Contact: Laura Cahn, Chairwoman, 203/397-2338 (landline)

Cc: Steven Winter, Executive Director, Climate and Sustainability