*Sender’s Address*

*Town, State, Zip*

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

DATE

Communities throughout STATE have been devastated by layered hardships in recent years and greatly need comprehensive economic development. STATE’s distressed communities need support for all of the component parts that constitute a full and vibrant community. In these low-income communities the funding of business and development activities is critical to maintaining population and obtaining the potential for sustainable growth.

New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) is an important tool in combating the economic hardships that have touched all components of STATE’s distressed communities. NMTC serve as an important financial incentive to encourage private sector investment in potential projects that are critical to STATE’s economic development such as PROJECT in COMMUNITY, STATE.

*Insert relevant information about potential project or funded project*

As a (potential or funded borrower) under the NMTC program, the benefits of the program enable potential enterprises to invest in or expand business and development opportunities that not only bring direct jobs on site, but increase jobs all along the supply chain, from vendors and purchasing entities, and the provisions of goods and services. In working with potential and existing Allocatees of this vital resource, we have worked to be aligned with our communities and to find ways to invest in our communities, bringing our businesses closer and ensuring a close fit and tie which creates for enduring success of our businesses, our people and the places we call home. Our project is anticipated (or has provided) to provide (MODIFY TO FIT PROJECT )

The NMTC program has proven to be a successful tool in the type of economic development, which Community and other communities throughout STATE need. However, although applications for the 2011 NMTC allocation were filed in August and decisions are expected to be made in February, 2012, continuing NMTC allocations are contingent upon an extension of the NMTC program which has not yet been reauthorized for 2012. The extensive need for this funding is demonstrated by the depth of applications for the resource and the back-log of applications to use the resource which will bring jobs and affordable goods and services to the low-income communities throughout our State. We urge Congress to extend the NMTC project as soon as possible.

Communities throughout STATE need the economic development NMTC can provide. We need your help to ensure that the NMTC program is extended for 2012 and the future to ensure that the benefits generated from projects like the one described above can continue to be provided in the areas that most need them. Please move to support the current bills and any future opportunities to support this program.

 Sincerely,

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