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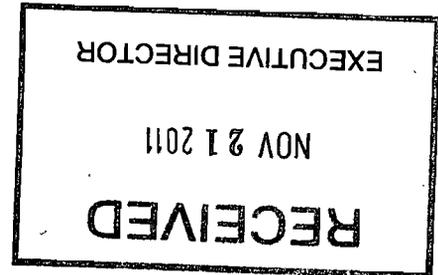
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Robert Oglesby, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
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Re: Additional Funding for CEC Contract 400-09-016

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

I am writing today to ask you to encourage the *California Energy Commission* (CEC) to transfer all available *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA) funds to the in the CEC program contract to the *CHF Home Energy Retrofit Program*. I understand that when transferred, these funds are considered "immediately spent" as it relates to the Department of Energy requirements, and as such these funds will stay here in California and continue to stimulate our economy, provide much needed jobs, and reduce energy consumption.

Our company has been one of scores of contractors throughout the state that have found the *CHF Moderate Income Sustainable Technology Program* (MIST) program to be a highly effective loan and grant program that does exactly what it was designed to do. It allows home owners to make much needed home energy makeovers to their homes, providing them with more comfortable, energy efficient and healthy homes while reducing their energy bills. This program also is a benefit to homeowners by reducing their energy use greater than the loan payment. There is no program that I am aware of that is nearly as effective.

Because of this program, we have hired and transferred over 32 full time employees to this aspect of our business. Thus far, we have completed or near completion of 231 home energy retrofits.

If the CHF MIST program does not receive more funds, the program will end, thus causing a large layoff of employees, and energy efficiency improvements opportunities will be lost.

Please do everything within your power to transfer as many of the unutilized or less optimally used ARRA funds over to CHF as quickly as possible to assure that this prototype program continues to grow and lead the way for Home Performance Programs across the state and eventually across the nation.

Sincerely yours,

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