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The Hon. M. Teresa Paiva-Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

The Hon. William J. Murphy
Speaker of the House
323 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President and Mr. Speaker:

Re: Federal State Energy Program Funding

I am attaching the relevant provisions of the recently passed American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R.1)(ARRA). As a condition of receiving our State's share of $3.1 billion in State Energy Program (SEP) funds, our State must demonstrate that we are taking certain actions to begin upgrading building energy codes and develop a plan for compliance. I encourage you to take appropriate steps consistent with this Federal statute. I have also requested the Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources to work with the appropriate State and local code officials to develop implementation plans.

As a State we are committed to a robust energy efficiency program. This is especially important for buildings that will be part of our housing stock for decades to come.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri

cc: Commissioner Andrew Dzykewicz, RIOER
John Leyden, Building Code Commission