SAMPLE 2024 REDO SUPPORT LETTER for CAPE COD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC/PLYMOUTH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[DATE] 2023

Camille Passatempo
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RE: Cape Cod & Plymouth REDO Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Passatempo:

The Town of [YOUR TOWN] offers this letter in support of the Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) grant request by the Cape Cod Economic Development Council, Inc. (CCEDC) in partnership with the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce. The funding requested will provide important support for our businesses in the Town of [YOUR TOWN], Cape Cod, and the region.

Businesses in our area are resilient, but unaffordable housing and childcare continue to limit workforce growth. Major region-wide efforts are underway, bringing stakeholders together to find housing solutions such as the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce’s Workforce Housing Coordinator position, working to place seasonal J1 student workers in safe accommodation, and the Early Education and Child Care Taskforce’s Family Child Care Grant. In addition to addressing housing and childcare barriers, CCEDC’s investments in residents through training and certification to address workforce skills gaps in all industries is a key strategy for strengthening our economy and supporting our local businesses.

Mitigating impacts of construction and public works projects on businesses is another important focus for CCEDC and regional partners. Improving business visibility, amplifying messaging, and creating easier paths to resources for small businesses will keep our local economies healthy while the region undergoes necessary wastewater management, utility, and transportation infrastructure projects.

[YOUR TOWN] works alongside partners at the municipal, regional, and state level to address the needs of our businesses, their employees, and families year-round. CCEDC is an integral partner in addressing these needs. The proposed use of REDO funds aligns with our work and supports a necessary level of cooperation for the benefit of our region’s economic sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration and support for the proposed funding.