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Commissioner Harrington:

I understand that as part of tomorrow's hearing on use of RGGI funds you'll be hearing from Housing Finance Authority about the potential to use RGGI money for their Greener Homes initiative. I want to register our support for that organization as a partner of ours- they provide financing support infrastructure for low to moderate incoming housing group, which is a population of concern for us in North Country.

We have a close partnership with the Berlin Housing Authority- through our Model Neighborhood program we are providing technical assistance and grant dollars to help them transition the aging oil boilers at one of their facilities to locally produced and locally fueled high efficiency wood pellet boilers. This will result in significant local capture of energy dollars and stabilized and reduced heating costs for low income residents. Greener Homes dollars are an important part of making this project happen and potentially in replicating it in other parts of our state, and we believe the program would be a good use of RGGI dollars.

Thanks for your consideration, and please feel free to call me at 229-0679 x104 if you have any questions.

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