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Mr. David P. Agnew Deputy Director for Intergovernmental Affairs Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement Executive Office of the President Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 112 1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. Agnew:

Thank you for speaking at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) annual leadership retreat held in Cambridge, Maryland, on July 20-22, 2012.

COG leaders were extremely gratified by your personal commitment to building a sustainable relationship between regional officials and the Administration. We know that the federal government has equal accountability to each of the regions across the nation however; it has a unique responsibility to metropolitan Washington as the region's single largest employer. Coordination with the federal government is essential to the economic prosperity of the Nation's Capital and is made more urgent as sequestration deadlines approach.

COG would like to accept your invitation, and welcomes the opportunity to meet with you and other officials in the Administration to discuss a plan for sustained federal-regional partnership in the Nation's Capital. Nicole Hange, COG's Government Relations Coordinator, will be in touch with your office to discuss this further.

Thanks again for your participation in COG's retreat.

Sincerely,

David J. Robertson Executive Director

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