“In seeking reappointment to the Equity Working Group subcommittee to the EEAC, I hope to help the EEAC continue to play its key role in developing the most effective and comprehensive energy efficiency programs for the Commonwealth. The work the EEAC does is essential to the state’s efforts to meet the urgency of the climate crisis and create cleaner, healthier, and better buildings for everyone - especially the populations who have been underserved through the programs and overburdened by our reliance on fossil fuels. As the current environmental representative on the EEAC, I see my constituency as including both the traditional environmental advocacy community, and, more importantly, environmental justice voices. I hope to continue to use my position on the Equity Working Group to ensure that energy efficiency plans are regularly updated, equitably maximize benefits delivered to ratepayers, and provide for greater stakeholder input and public participation. Further, I think the Equity Working Group’s being constituted with representatives from outside the council and seeking feedback from affected communities is of crucial importance. I want to help advance that work.

Acadia Center has long been a pillar of the EEAC and the Equity Working Group. The perspective gained from my organization’s decade plus of service brings significant assets. Acadia Center has long been a thought leader in energy efficiency and has intervened at each Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan docket dating back to 2015. We have also published multiple reports on related matters, including Next Generation Energy Efficiency (which outlines the specific steps needed to utilize energy efficiency to address climate change, environmental justice, and underserved consumers) and RESPECT (which proposes key reforms to utility planning processes to ensure that utility investments and decision-making are aligned with state goals to address climate pollution, further environmental justice, and lower consumer costs). Acadia Center has a valued on-staff analytic capacity that I can draw upon to access key information and best practices. Acadia Center is a collaborative organization that seeks to work with all members of the EEAC and Massachusetts’s climate, energy and energy justice communities, work that I am personally committed to as a high priority. As the Massachusetts Program Director at Acadia Center and previously during many years on Beacon Hill, I bring a strong background in energy efficiency and energy policy issues, a diplomatic approach to my work, and an understanding of how important the efficiency effort is in the state to consumers and meeting our climate goals. I would be honored to be able to continue to serve on the Equity Working Group to the EEAC.”

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