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**Subject:** RFA 2015-115 for Multifamily Energy Retrofit Program (MERP)

Ken/Kevin

Thank you for all the hard work you have done to re-solicit for MERP and the changes you have already made to make the program more successful. I wanted to add a couple of minor comments.

First we would be in favor of giving a priority to buildings that are 25 years or older. We think this has two public policy benefits.

1) Affordable buildings of this age, from our experience, have extreme systems needs and are most at risk of failure which could lead to buildings and properties that are not habitable and would result in lost affordable housing units.

2) Targeting your scarce resources to these types of buildings has the largest impact on the overall goal of the program and the biggest bang for the buck - to reduce energy costs and consumption and protect the environment.

Second, we appreciate all the accommodations you have made in the RFA with respect to making the program work well for not for profits. We would encourage you to expand that benefit by creating a priority for properties owned by not for profits.

Thank you for your consideration.



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