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Hon. Steven M. Costantino
State House, Room 306
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State House, Room 211
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RE: CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF ARRA

Dear Chairman Costantino and DaPonte:

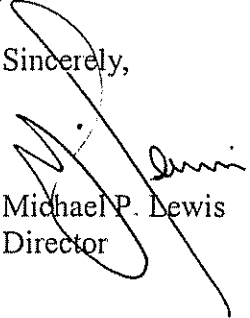
In conformance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) guidance on the certification requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), certification must be executed and posted prior to State and Local Governments receiving ARRA funds. We recognize that additional ARRA funding may become available and that the project listing may be modified.

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) agrees to utilize its available Federal Funding to address the infrastructure needs of the local communities with no local match requirement. Within the next week RIDOT will work with you to determine the appropriate distribution of dollars to and among the local communities in proportion to the ARRA funds, based on an objective transportation apportionment criteria.

RIDOT proposes that a program be established for the allocation of funds to local communities mirroring the restrictions contained in the ARRA legislation. That is, funds would have to be obligated within 120 days of notification to each community of the funds available to it. All funding not obligated by the local communities would revert back to the State of Rhode Island's Department of Transportation for use consistent with the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Finally, all of the approved projects are required to meet the FHWA's regulations for authorization.

Sincerely,


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