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Dear Representatives,

The undersigned groups represent over 450 local, city and state government officials, state housing agencies, community development organizations, advocates and other stakeholders in the region impacted by Hurricane Sandy, along with our national allies. Together we would like to express our sincere thanks for your signing on as an original co-sponsor of the Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2013, under Representative Bill Pascrell's leadership.

If enacted, this legislation's provisions to increase the allocation authority for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Housing Credit), New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) and tax-exempt bonds will accelerate the recovery of impacted communities, creating jobs and generating significant revenue and while providing affordable homes and supporting local businesses and economic development projects.

These proven community development tools have been critical in helping impacted regions recover from Hurricane Katrina, severe floods in the Midwest and other natural disasters, and will be essential in the Hurricane Sandy recovery. Though the resources already devoted to the

recovery have been critical in rebuilding homes and businesses in Sandy-impacted communities, there are still hundreds of thousands of households in need.

Like so many natural disasters, Hurricane Sandy disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities. Of the 500,000 households in the region registered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance, almost half have incomes below \$30,000 per year. The proportion of low-income households is particularly high among renters, with two-thirds of the renters registered for FEMA qualifying as low-income. Close to 40,000 families are still displaced from their homes entirely, and the already competitive rental market in this region simply does not have an adequate supply of affordable units. As the Housing Credit and tax-exempt bonds are responsible for virtually all affordable housing production in the United States, increasing the region's allocations of these resources will be necessary to create a new supply of affordable units to meet this sharply increased demand.

Small business owners in Sandy-impacted areas also face a smaller consumer base in light of this displacement and decreased tourism to impacted areas, which is slowing the economic recovery. The NMTC's proven ability to revitalize severely distressed communities, create jobs and leverage private investment will assist tremendously in increasing economic activity in the hardest-hit communities.

We believe private sector involvement is a critical component of the Sandy recovery effort, and that the incentives included in the Hurricane Sandy Tax Relief Act of 2013 will help direct these investments where we need them most. We look forward to continuing our work together and with other members of Congress in the coming months to urge final passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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