

ATTACH A

June 22, 2010

The Honorable Benjamin Cardin
Hart Senate Office Building, #509
2nd and C Streets, North East
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cardin:

There is an important matter that I would like to bring to your attention. Recently, the Senate discussed the American Power Act, sponsored by Senators John Kerry (MA) and Joe Lieberman (CT). The City Council and I are very concerned that the “discussion draft” of this climate and energy legislation did not include ongoing funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). This is a top priority of the United States Conference of Mayors, and the Rockville Mayor and Council supports their efforts to include ongoing EECBG funding in the American Power Act.

Rockville is a recipient of EECBG formula funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the amount of \$683,300. This funding is providing Rockville with the opportunity to make improvements to city facilities and infrastructure that will increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ongoing EECBG funding is a critical element in sustaining local climate protection efforts over the long term which generate environmental and economic benefits. The Rockville City Council and I urge you to have ongoing EECBG funding added to the American Power Act.

The City of Rockville thanks you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Linda Moran, Assistant to the City Manager (intergovernmental affairs manager), at 240-314-8115 or at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Marcuccio
Mayor

cc: Rockville City Council
Scott Ullery, City Manager
Mark Charles, Chief of Environmental Management

