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**United Way
of Massachusetts Bay
and Merrimack Valley**

Mr. Joe Kriesberg
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The Massachusetts Association of Community Development
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Chairman of the Board

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Dear Joe:

Michael K. Durkin

President and Chief Executive Officer

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On behalf of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, I am writing to offer our formal endorsement of SB1427/HB988, "An Act to Create the Community Development Partnership Program."

United Way supports Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations' goals to strengthen the community development field, and we believe this bill is an excellent tool in achieving this measure. I also believe that it will enable many organizations and individuals to step forward with increased support of Community Development work across the State.

I look forward to working with you in moving forward this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Durkin".

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