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To whom it may concern:

As the Deputy Director of the Cook County Department of Environmental Control, I have had the pleasure of working with Cappy (Earl L.) Kidd since 2009. Cappy's company, AKT Peerless Environmental and Energy Services has been providing invaluable assistance to the County on our \$12.6 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) and has assisted Cook County in the management of the county's first comprehensive energy efficiency program.

Mr. Kidd is a Chicago-based energy consultant who specializes in evaluating and retrofitting existing buildings to make them more energy efficient. Due to the age of the city and population size, we have very large amounts of properties built prior to 1960 which are not efficient as it relates to their building envelope and use of electricity and natural gas. When I first initiated the Cook County's EECBG, we wanted to design a program that would help create a broad climate of energy awareness and reach out to all the constituencies of the community we serve. This includes the public sector, private sector and not-for-profit organizations. As of today's date we have successfully weatherized, audited and or retrofitted hundreds of properties in the Cook County area and Mr. Kidd was vital to the program's development and success.

Cappy and the AKT Peerless team has provided crucial support to the County on a number of activities that were part our EECBG program. On the technical side his team of energy engineers and building energy analysts delivered clear and comprehensive energy audits for the private sector facilities that participated in the program. On the organizational side, Cappy served as an outreach ambassador explaining the program to a number of private sector constituencies and getting their participation.

In fact, the entire AKT Peerless team played a key role in helping the County accomplish all of its goals, stay on time and on budget, and helped make this important energy efficiency initiative an overwhelming success.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss the content of this letter. I can be reached at 312-603-8214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin N. Givens".

Kevin N. Givens

Deputy Director

Cook County Department of Environmental Control