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September 6, 2022

The Honorable Xavier Becerra Secretary, United States Department of Health & Human Services 200 Independence Ave S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra,

As required by 45 C.F.R. 96.10(b) of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) regulations, this letter of designation is to inform you that I have delegated my authority to make certifications and assurances for Maryland's LIHEAP Program to Augustin Ntabaganyimana, Deputy Executive Director for Programs within the Maryland Department of Human Services. Mr. Ntabaganyimana has the authority to make certifications and assurances required as part of Maryland's annual application for LIHEAP funds. The Maryland Department of Human Services is assigned the responsibility for the management and administration of the LIHEAP program for the State of Maryland.

Thank you for your continued support of Maryland's human service programs.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, Maryland Department of Human Services