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Dear Mr. Walsh,

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is in receipt of your letter regarding the Integrity Monitor Review. In response to your recommendations, DCA has done the following:

- 1) DCA has included in its policies and procedures for programs funded by Emergency Rental Assistance 1 and 2 (ERA1 and ERA2) funds its adoption of US Treasury's recommended best practice to utilize self-attestation to the extent allowable.
- 2) DCA will continue to implement its policies and procedures for quality control and fraud control in its programs funded by ERA1 and ERA2, as detailed and required in its scope of service for these programs.
- 3) DCA has reviewed regulations and guidance issued by US Treasury regarding the ERA1 and ERA2 programs and is confident its use of self-attestation is compliant with regulations and guidance. DCA will continue to review updated guidance as it is issued by US Treasury to ensure ongoing compliance.
- 4) DCA will continue to abide by all US Treasury regulations regarding ERA1 and ERA2 funds, and will implement recommended best practices to the best of its ability. DCA notes that while ERA1 funds were awarded in December 2020 and ERA2 funds in March 2021, US Treasury continues to update its guidance on an ongoing basis. DCA will adapt its policies and procedure documentation to reflect this ongoing guidance as it is received.
- 5) DCA will continue to implement and improve its quality control processes to ensure that all needed documentation is retained within electronic client files.

Thank you for your recommendations as we work to provide rental assistance to those impacted by the pandemic and to ensure that NJ residents are able to remain safely housed.

Sincerely,

Janel Winter
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Director, Division of Housing and Community Resources

