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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After six wonderful, engaging, and challenging years, and with a profound sense of respect and gratitude for your support in all that we have accomplished, I want to thank you for the privilege of working with you as I announce that I'm leaving my role as MACDC's director of advocacy at the end of this month.

I have been meeting with Joe Kriesberg these past few weeks and discussed making this transition between legislative sessions – not realizing that the “transition” would be merely a few hours!

With the favorable resolution of much – although not all – of our shared housing and community economic-development legislative policy agenda last week, this moment presents the most favorable time to take leave, ahead of the immersive planning, strategy, and advocacy engagement meetings that kickoff the beginning of every legislative session.

We have enjoyed several successful years achieving important and vital legislative and policy wins (e.g., the reauthorization and expansion of the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC), funding to launch the MA Food Trust program, increased state-level funding to CDFIs and the recapitalization of the “Get the Lead Out,” lead paint abatement program to name a few). We have managed to accomplish a great deal together, before and through the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, personal and professional challenges through these past eighteen months have prompted me to take stock now, to reflect upon and to assess my further personal responsibilities and objectives and future professional commitments.

All change is hard and bittersweet. At this moment, I'm cheered by our successes and the support we have received from legislators and the Administration to accomplish our many goals. I'm not leaving town, nor am I giving up on our shared efforts to drive change and to advance community engagement, economic equity, and racial justice throughout our Commonwealth.

Again, thank you for the privilege of working with you, and,

Warm best regards,

David A. Bryant  
Director of Advocacy