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Office of the President

March 20, 2024

Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor  
Alabama Community College System  
135 South Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Chancellor Baker:

I am writing in support of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and to confirm my college's intent to implement a key portion of the associated project as a sub-grantee. Our school will be joining all other ACCS colleges in replacing old, high-mileage, gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles with new energy-efficient electric vehicles (EVs). With grant funds, our college will replace a total of eight vehicles with EVs and will also purchase and install two Level 3 (fast) charging station(s) to enable their continuous use and to support additional fleet electrification in the future.

As a leading change-agent in our service area, Wallace State Community College is eager to invest in projects that showcase innovation, promote economic growth, and have a positive social impact, particularly in the low-income, disadvantaged communities in which many of our students live or work. By implementing EVs, the College will greatly reduce fuel consumption and realize significant savings on annual transportation costs. These savings translate into financial resources better used to support student success. In addition, by implementing EVs, Wallace State will be reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, and contributing to a cleaner, healthier environment. We look forward to sharing our success in this project with our many community partners and serving as a role model for other organizations and individuals considering electric vehicle adoption.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this project. We look forward to hearing the good news that the ACCS application has been selected for funding.

Sincerely,

Vicki P. Karolewics  
President