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President's Office

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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 Jefferson State's intent to implement a key portion of the associated project as a sub-grantee. We will be joining 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 three, Level 2 charging stations to enable their continuous use and to support additional fleet electrification in the future.

As a leading change-agent in our service area, Jefferson State 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, Jefferson 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith A. Brown".

Keith A. Brown
President