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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 to support the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and confirm my college's intent to implement key portions of the associated project as a sub-grantee. Our school will join all other ACCS colleges to replace 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 3 (fast) charging stations to enable their continuous use and to support further fleet electrification in the future.

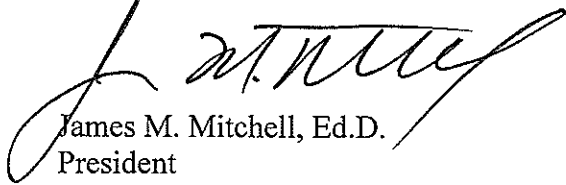
In addition to adopting EVs, Wallace Community College Selma will use grant funds for energy-efficiency building renovation projects. Renovations will involve implementing the most up-to-date building energy codes and purchasing and installing certified energy-efficient mechanical systems, windows, doors, lighting, and/or other building products to replace inefficient products. This will include implementing a building energy performance management system, enabling the College to automate mechanical systems to align with scheduled building usage, and allowing us to manage energy consumption, save on operating costs, and reduce energy waste. We will also install individual utility meters on every building, enabling us to more precisely measure the effect of the energy upgrades and compare the energy usage of buildings that have undergone energy-efficiency renovations to those that have not.

As a leading change agent in our service area, Wallace Community College Selma is eager to invest in projects that showcase innovation, promote economic growth, and have a positive social impact. We believe this is such a project. The College will greatly reduce fuel and electricity bills by implementing EVs and multiple energy-efficiency measures in existing facilities. These savings translate into financial resources better used to support the success of our students, the majority of whom are low-income, first-generation, or otherwise disadvantaged and who live or work in low-income or disadvantaged communities. In addition, Wallace Community College Selma will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and increase the quality, comfort, and safety of the learning environment for our students.



Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this project. We believe it will be transformational and can be replicated across our state for even greater emissions reductions and energy savings. We look forward to working with ACCS to share what we learn and accomplish in the project through community workshops. We hope to serve as a model for other organizations considering electric vehicle adoption or building renovations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mitchell', written over the printed name and title.

James M. Mitchell, Ed.D.
President