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ALABAMA, 7TH DISTRICT

March 28, 2024

Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

As the Representative of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I offer this letter in support of the Alabama Community College System's (ACCS) application for funding through the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07).

Any funding awarded will be used to; increase the share of electric vehicles (EVs) and expand EV charging infrastructure, perform energy-efficiency renovations on a total of 15 buildings on the campuses of all of Alabama's 2-year HBCUs and predominantly minority-serving institutions, and construct and operate a solar microgrid on the campus of Bevill State Community College to provide power and renewable-energy workforce training opportunities at the new Energy Infrastructure Training Center.

In full, this project is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 2,000 metric tons CO₂e annually, with a nearly 50,000 MT CO₂e reduction over the next 25 years. In addition, the Alabama Community College System expects the project to have a transformative effect on future energy-related choices in transportation, buildings, and electric power across the Alabama Community College System.

For these reasons, I support the Alabama Community College System's application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and ask for your fair and full consideration. If my staff or I can be of further assistance, please contact my office at 205-254-1960.

Sincerely,

TERRI A. SEWELL
Member of Congress

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Mr. Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Regan:

As a Member of Congress from Alabama's Fourth Congressional District, I am writing to show my support for The Alabama Community College System (ACCS) in their efforts to receive EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funds.

If awarded this would enable ACCS to enact a multifaceted approach to invest in a cleaner economy. The funds would be used to purchase more electric vehicles (EVs) and expand its EV charging infrastructure as well as, perform energy-efficiency renovations to buildings on the campuses of all of Alabama's 2-year HBCUs and predominantly minority-serving institutions. Funding would also allow ACCS to create a solar microgrid on the campus of Beville State Community College to provide power and renewable-energy workforce training opportunities at the new Energy Infrastructure Training Center.

These efforts would enhance communities by reducing pollution, provide opportunities for students with new quality training and jobs, add to the campus life with new and renovated environmentally sustainable facilities and, add new solar projects to promote sustainable energy. ACCS is a critical partner in the district I serve with several colleges in the area that educate and train Alabama's workforce. However, ACCS has a much broader statewide impact, especially in rural and impoverished communities such as the Black Belt.

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I ask that you give your most thoughtful and serious consideration to the requested funds to further improve the Alabama Community College System as they strive toward a cleaner economy and workforce to build up the next generation Alabamians. If I can provide additional information on this matter, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "R" and a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

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U.S. House of Representatives

March 26, 2024

Mr. Michael Regan
Administrator
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Dear Mr. Regan,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my strong support for the Alabama Community College System who is applying for funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)* program to fund a 3-pronged project that will help the State invest in a cleaner economy, will benefit all 24 of Alabama's public community and technical colleges, and will positively impact low-income and disadvantaged communities statewide.

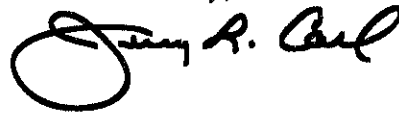
With funding received through this program, ACCS plans to increase its share of electric vehicles (EVs) and expand its EV charging infrastructure, perform energy-efficiency renovations on a total of 15 buildings on the campuses of all of Alabama's 2-year HBCUs and predominantly minority-serving institutions, as well as construct and operate a solar microgrid on the campus of Beville State Community College to provide power and renewable-energy workforce training opportunities at the new Energy Infrastructure Training Center.

With the purchase of new electric vehicles, ACCS will be able to decommission many aging, high-mileage, inefficient vehicles, reduce gasoline and diesel fuel consumption, and realize significant savings on transportation. Likewise, the energy-efficiency makeovers of campus buildings and the installation and operation of a solar microgrid will result in significant savings on electricity. The projects combined are currently estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 2,000 metric tons CO₂e annually, with a nearly 50,000 MT CO₂e reduction over the next 25 years. In addition, ACCS expects the success of the projects will have a transformative effect on future energy-related choices in transportation, buildings, and electric power across the Alabama Community College System. Numerous benefits to be realized across the State will include things such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved public air quality, lowered incidence of asthma, and less noise pollution (in areas where EVs are adopted). Increase in resources to support student success, safety, and healthier building environments as well as numerous workforce training opportunities will be available.

It is my hope that you will see the profound sustainable effects, now and later, of this grant to the citizens of Alabama. Therefore, I respectfully request that you give the Alabama Community College System's application every consideration. If you feel that I may be of further assistance or can provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jerry R. Carl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the beginning of the first name.

Jerry Carl
Member of Congress

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March 21, 2024

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Ragan:

I enthusiastically endorse the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) application submitted by the Alabama Community College System (ACCS). The preliminary proposal for this project was previously submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). ADEM included the preliminary proposal in the State's Priority Climate Action Plan.

I respectfully request that you give this nomination your most thoughtful and serious consideration. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter with a response to Alvin Lewis in my Opelika District Office.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rogers".

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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March 29, 2024

Dear Mr. Regan:

I am writing my support for The Alabama Community College System's application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to fund a 3-pronged project that will help the State invest in a cleaner economy, will benefit all 24 of Alabama's public community and technical colleges, and will positively impact low-income and disadvantaged communities statewide.

The initiatives outlined in the plan have numerous benefits that will be realized across the state. By increasing the share of electric vehicles and expanding EV charging infrastructure, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and reduce noise pollution. The energy-efficiency renovations on campus buildings and the construction and operation of a solar microgrid can also result in significant savings on electricity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to the environmental benefits, these initiatives can also have positive impacts on student success and community engagement. The savings on fuel and electricity costs can provide additional resources to support student success, while the energy efficiency upgrades can create a safer and healthier learning environment for students. The community workshops led by local colleges can also elevate levels of community engagement and public awareness about renewable energy.

Furthermore, the initiatives can create new workforce training opportunities in microgrid maintenance and repair, strengthening the state workforce in the renewable energy sector. Additionally, the project can create quality jobs to manage the implementation and maintenance of the initiatives.

Overall, the initiatives outlined in the plan have the potential to create significant positive impacts on the environment, student success, community engagement, and workforce development in Alabama.

I fully support this application and I understand funding is vital. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator