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RE: Letter of Support for the Albuquerque MSA 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Implementation Program Application

To Whom it May Concern,

The Office of Financial Empowerment is pleased to support and collaborate with the City of Albuquerque Sustainability Office (CABQ SO) and other entities in this coalition implementation application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The Office of Financial Empowerment values the work that CABQ SO is leading to make transformative changes across the Albuquerque Metro Statistical Area (MSA), especially for our most vulnerable. The community-to-community educational components of this initiative are critical in this work to breakdown traditional barriers to accessing services. This is especially true for our unbanked and financially untrained citizens, as *climate change exacerbates existing inequalities and current climate resilience strategies are not designed with low-income citizens in mind*.

To support this initiative, the Office of Financial Empowerment is proud to offer our services to build financial resiliency in the communities that experience the first and worst of climate change. In doing so, we will offer access to financial education and coaching, and guidance on the benefits of insured banking which will contribute to increased stability and healthier outcomes. Through this collaborative, inter-agency approach, we hope to contribute to the health and wellbeing of vulnerable children in our community.

The Office of Financial Empowerment is pleased to support this ambitious initiative and look forwards to working alongside our partners to reduce climate pollution and center the needs of the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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