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RE: Letter of Support for Albuquerque MSA CPRG Implementation Application

To Whom it May Concern,

Three Sisters Kitchen 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. Three Sisters Kitchen values the work that CABQ SO is leading to make transformative changes across the Albuquerque Metro Statistical Area. Specifically, Three Sisters Kitchen is excited to build on the successes of our existing food scrap pilot to help restaurant workers and homecooks in frontline communities identify and incorporate strategies for food waste prevention into their kitchens. This work builds on the food waste prevention, rescue, and diversion efforts carried out in our own restaurant kitchen and community-based educational programs, and is integral to our mission of using the power and love of local food to create economic opportunity, improve community health, and bring our diverse communities together around the table. More broadly, this work pilots systems-level changes to the life cycle of food and green waste at multiple levels of EPA's wasted food scale, which translates to a cleaner, healthier planet for generations to come.

To support this initiative, Three Sisters Kitchen will provide hands-on workshops and technical assistance services for food waste prevention, food rescue, and food waste recycling in small, local restaurants and community centers that are located in and serve frontline communities. These initiatives will demonstrate how food waste prevention, rescue, and composting are beneficial to restaurants and community members economically and environmentally, and provide resources and technical assistance for restaurant workers and community members to integrate such practices into daily kitchen work. The project itself is scalable, and results and lessons from the project will be available to other communities. Through this collaborative, inter-agency approach, we are excited to inform scalable models for food waste prevention within the Albuquerque area.

Furthermore, if awarded CPRG Implementation funds, Three Sisters Kitchen will sign a Memorandum of Agreement by July 1, 2024 with the City of Albuquerque to demonstrate our continued commitment to the success of the CPRG program.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anzia Bennett', written in a cursive style.

Anzia Bennett
Executive Director
Three Sisters Kitchen