



March 11, 2024

Mr. Shane Khoury, Cabinet Secretary
Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – Implementation Grants Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Khoury:

Werner Enterprises, Inc. (Werner) is pleased to offer this letter of support for your US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant General Competition coalition application with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality.

Werner was founded in 1956 and is a premier transportation and logistics company, with coverage throughout North America. Werner maintains its corporate headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, and has offices in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Werner is among the five largest truckload carriers in the United States, with a diversified portfolio of transportation services that includes dedicated; medium-to-long-haul, regional and expedited van; and temperature-controlled. The Werner Logistics portfolio includes North American truck brokerage, freight management, intermodal and final mile services. Werner's sustainability-focused and future-oriented mindset drives a culture of innovation, which keeps us at the forefront of testing and investing in a variety of new technologies, including alternative fuel sources. We remain open and agile as the most viable options emerge. This mindset impacts our fleet, resulting in Werner running some of the newest and cleanest trucks on the road today.

Werner believes that the projects outlined therein are critical for kickstarting the transition of heavy-duty diesel fleets to new zero-tailpipe-emissions (battery and fuel cell electric) technologies in our region. We strongly support the proposal to fund heavy-duty hydrogen fueling and electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Arkansas and Oklahoma and to offer incentives to mitigate the cost differential between diesel and zero-tailpipe-emission trucks. The Interstate 40 and Highway 412 Hydrogen Corridor Connector proposal is a strategic use and efficient use of CPRG implementation dollars that will connect major manufacturing, shipping, and logistics organizations in Arkansas and Oklahoma interested in transitioning their fleets to planned hydrogen and electric vehicle corridors along Interstate 44 and 40. The proposal will also enable the states to support further the build-out of hydrogen fueling and electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout Arkansas and Oklahoma.

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Werner appreciates your leadership and dedication to advancing energy innovation in our state that enhances our energy security, reduces emissions of harmful air pollutants, and supports shared goals for a sustainable and prosperous future. We are eager to support this and ongoing efforts to ensure clean, reliable transportation solutions that benefit our region and the entire country.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad Dittberner

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