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RE: Letter of Commitment - EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

The Kern Community College District is pleased to provide this letter formalizing our intended roles and responsibilities for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program. We have long advocated for sustainable practices, climate action, and the empowerment of low-income and disadvantaged communities, making this partnership an excellent fit for achieving the goals of the CPRG.

Kern CCD is committed to the success of this project with specific commitments, roles, responsibilities, and contributions that include the following:

- a. **Project Design and Implementation:** will actively participate in the project's design and implementation phases to ensure that its goals are met efficiently and effectively.
- b. **Community Engagement and Outreach:** recognizing the importance of community support, we will participate in outreach efforts to engage residents and stakeholders. This will include assisting with organizing workshops, town hall meetings, and information sessions to gather input, address concerns, and ensure the community is informed and involved in every project phase.
- c. **Monitoring, Reporting, and Evaluation:** will assist in monitoring and reporting to track the project's progress, measure its impact on GHG reduction and community benefits, and ensure accountability. This includes regular reporting to the EPA and other stakeholders, highlighting achievements and areas for improvement.
- d. **Workforce Development:** Kern CCD will support the project's workforce development goals by providing job skills training for community members through our 21st Century Energy Center.

Our involvement ensures a multidisciplinary approach to project design and implementation, enhancing the project's ability to achieve significant, long-lasting environmental and social outcomes. We fully support this project and look forward to contributing to its success, demonstrating our shared vision for a sustainable and equitable future.

Please contact me at (661) 335-5124 or via email at mike.giacomini@kccd.edu with any questions or requests for information.

Sincerely,

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