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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Program: Bay Area Clean Homes Initiative Letter of Support: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**

Dear US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Administrator,

On behalf of Solano County, a member of both the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), I support ABAG's proposal for the Bay Area Clean Homes Initiative (BACHI) program which aims to benefit 1,500 households located in low-income disadvantaged communities (LIDAC) across the San Francisco Bay Area region. The proposed program design and intent in emphasizing equity, collaboration with local partners, and electrification measures for building decarbonization complements existing BayREN programs, aligns with our local Climate Plan Action objectives, and supports aspects of our Board of Supervisors priorities on economic development and housing.

BACHI strives to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, enhance neighborhood health, and promote community decarbonization by scaling the impact from a building-by-building approach to a neighborhood approach. This unique BACHI delivery model will expeditiously expand access to residential decarbonization for households disproportionately impacted by pollution, burdened by high energy costs, and historically excluded from clean energy opportunities. We express our appreciation for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, recognizing its potential to drive transformative initiatives like this one that can bring economic relief for LIDAC households and historic progress in achieving significant (GHG) emission reductions through 2030.

Solano County eagerly anticipates contributing to this historic effort and commits to active participation in the role described for BayREN members to drive direct, household-level climate action while positioning the Bay Area region for successful and equitable community decarbonization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Emlen".

Bill Emlen
County Administrator