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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:
Implementation Grant Letter of Support - EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 for the Bay Area Clean
Homes Initiative**

To whom it may concern,

MCE is a not-for-profit public agency and the preferred electricity provider for more than 585,000 customer accounts and 1.5 million residents and businesses across Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and Solano counties. Setting the standard for clean energy in California since 2010, MCE leads with 60-100% renewable power at stable rates, delivering a 1400 MW peak load and significantly reducing greenhouse emissions and reinvesting millions in local programs.

Staff are encouraged by the EPA's investment in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and aligned with your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through 2030, especially for priority low-income disadvantaged communities. MCE supports the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG's) proposed Bay Area Clean Homes Initiative (BACHI). This proposal would offer customized solutions to directly benefit 2,000 low-income and disadvantaged community (LIDAC) households, as defined by EPA's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), across the region. MCE serves 63 census tracts that are identified as LIDAC by CEJST. The population within these communities is roughly 327,000. There is significant need in these communities for multifamily and single-family programs to support community decarbonization as a solution.

This proposal aligns with MCE's equity and climate action objectives, including prioritizing underserved communities, collaborating with local partners and local governments, and expanding residential decarbonization of households disproportionately burdened by historical pollution.

If funded, MCE can participate in its implementation by working with ABAG, BayREN and BAAQMD to identify and implement solutions that ensure electrification of residential homes increases the quality of life and does not result in unexpected increased utility bills. This includes participating in quarterly convenings to discuss and design rate protection mechanisms for residents of LIDAC communities served by the BACHI.

Thank you for considering this powerful proposal. Sincerely,

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