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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate with my district representing the City of Broken Arrow. I wish to express my strong support for Broken Arrow's project proposal submitted for consideration under the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. This initiative is a bold step towards achieving significant reductions in climate pollution and advancing the sustainability goals within our community.

Oklahoma has long-been a leader in energy production for our nation. I believe that with projects such as this our state can also become a leader in stewardship of our resources. This project encompasses the strategic deployment of solar energy systems at key municipal facilities: the Animal Control Center, the Public Safety Complex (which houses the 911 Center), and the Nienhuis City Park, Operations Building, Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant along with other energy efficiency measures throughout the city. Notably, the initiative proposes the integration of solar and energy efficiency measures, along with the development of backup power capabilities at critical facilities such as the water treatment plant, wastewater plant and Public Safety Complex, ensuring greater resilience and uninterrupted service in critical infrastructure. Reliability of services during emergencies are critically important, and this project is a positive step in that direction.

I believe that the successful realization of this project will deliver multiple environmental and economic benefits, including significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, energy savings, operational savings, and improved reliability of services. Broken Arrow is a leader and this project can also serve as an exemplary model for other municipalities in Oklahoma, demonstrating the practicality and benefits of embracing sustainable energy solutions. All this said, I am pleased to endorse Broken Arrow's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program.

Thank you for considering my letter of support. We are eager to see the positive impact of Broken Arrow's project on our community and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Haste".
Senator John Haste