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March 28, 2024

City of Iowa City Wastewater Division  
Wastewater Division Administration Building  
4366 Napoleon Street SE  
Iowa City, IA 52240

Re: Johnson County Board of Supervisors Letter of Commitment: **Accelerating Methane Capture and Renewable Natural Gas Adoption at Wastewater Facilities in Eastern Iowa**

Dear Iowa City Wastewater Division team,

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is pleased to provide this Letter of Commitment to support the City of Iowa City Wastewater Division in responding to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition*. Cedar Rapids and Iowa City are requesting a federal grant award of \$125,001,625 to support the **Accelerating Methane Capture and Renewable Natural Gas Adoption at Wastewater Facilities in Eastern Iowa**, which proposes the integration of anaerobic biodigester systems at both the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City wastewater treatment facilities to capture methane from biogas production. Captured methane will be cleaned and injected into the natural gas grid as renewable natural gas (RNG), which will reduce reliance on non-renewable natural gas to support the activities of industries and households within the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities and surrounding region. In addition, both cities plan to transport industrial waste to the wastewater treatment plants to increase biogas production, which provides an opportunity to increase RNG production and reduce additional methane gas generation by diverting waste from landfills. The Board of Supervisors firmly believes this initiative will advance the U.S. EPA's mission to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as methane, carbon dioxide, and nitrous oxide, and anticipates the proposed projects will bring meaningful public health benefits to the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities.

The Board of Supervisors looks forward to providing long-term support and participation in the proposed projects. By providing political support, this Board intends to be a valuable asset and resource for the Iowa City team throughout the duration of the proposed project, providing critical contributions to ensure project success and sustainability.

Sincerely,

Rod Sullivan, Chairperson  
Johnson County Board of Supervisors