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Angela Tovar
Commissioner, Department of Environment
City of Chicago
Via Electronic Mail

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

I am writing to provide Cook County's Letter of Commitment to the proposed application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Strategy Program to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG). Cook County is excited to be part of a coalition that seeks to bring \$199,999,999 of federal funding over 5 years in direct funding for personnel and implementation of measures including Building Energy Efficiency; Industrial Decarbonization; and Food Waste, Water and Sustainable Materials Management. EPA has set a goal of 40% of these dollars invested and impacting economically disadvantaged communities and residents.

As County Board President I will bring to the Board of Commissioners a Memorandum of Agreement for approval, to be completed and executed with the City of Chicago before July 1, 2024.

Climate change is an existential challenge for our County and deeply exacerbates racial and economic inequities. This EPA CPRG project is an opportunity for the region to address climate change and take on community inequities, reduce GHG emissions in our communities, and provide workforce training for economically disadvantaged residents. The County is committed to regular meetings with other sub award partners and the City of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
President