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March 22, 2024

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

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

Illinois Green Alliance supports the Coalition application from the City of Chicago and County of Cook for \$199m for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

As a nonprofit, membership driven organization, our mission is to promote green buildings and sustainable communities for all. We believe addressing social justice and inequality is critical if we are to effectively meet our ambitious climate goals. We have experience in engaging our membership, building industry professionals, in projects that support under-resourced communities in driving building decarbonization. We look forward to collaborating with the project partners and leveraging the expertise of our unique network to support the grant project.

The Chicago/Cook County CRPG Coalition Proposal advances highly effective Greenhouse Gas reduction strategies that also have strong Environmental Justice benefits. Measures include an Industrial Decarbonization component (for Chicago, Suburban Cook County, and DuPage County) to assist smaller and medium sized businesses, to install energy efficient and electrified equipment, renewable energy, and refrigerant replacement systems, while reducing toxics and air pollution in Environmental Justice areas. The program will also address food waste in Chicago and Cook County through creation of food scrap collection programs and the infrastructure to support them. And it will pursue aggressive energy efficiency, electrification and renewable energy strategies in public buildings such as schools, libraries and public housing in low income and distressed communities to reduce air pollution, provide jobs, and create educational working models for aggressively addressing climate change.

The proposal shared by the project team to drastically reduce our GHG emissions and catalyze economic opportunities within the clean energy economy is critical for the Chicago region and we look forward to working closely to support this effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further assistance or information.

Sincerely,

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Brian Imus  
Illinois Green Executive Director