

March 25, 2024

Kathleen Agasie  
Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability  
69 W. Washington Street Room 1900  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Ms. Agasie,

On behalf of The Lake Michigan Air Director's Consortium (LADCO), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Chicago and Cook County proposal to the U.S. EPA for an Implementation Grant under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Your proposed strategies to reduce emissions from food waste, buildings, and industrial facilities have the potential for near- and long-term beneficial impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and on criteria and hazardous air pollutant emissions. These impacts will benefit Chicago, our region, and in particular, our neighbors who are already overburdened by air pollution and by the effects of climate change.

LADCO is a Chicago-based 501(c)(3) air quality research and planning organization that provides technical assistance to our member states on problems of urban to regional-scale air quality. Our membership includes state air agencies for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. LADCO uses complex computer models of weather, emissions, and atmospheric chemistry to investigate the main drivers of air pollution in the Great Lakes region. We work with federal, state, tribal, and local air agencies to improve air quality in the region.

LADCO commits to working with the City and County on developing, evaluating, and tracking strategies to reduce emissions from the sectors addressed by these strategies. We will provide decision support services to the project team using our knowledge of air emissions inventories and our capabilities to develop emissions reduction scenarios for pollution sources. I will work closely with our staff at LADCO, City and County staff, and other partners to ensure that the project goals are met.

As Executive Director of LADCO, I greatly value our partnership with the City of Chicago and Cook County and fully support your leadership in the effort to promote energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and address environmental justice issues in Chicago.

Sincerely,



Zachariah Adelman  
LADCO Executive Director