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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is pleased to support the coalition application from the City of Chicago and County of Cook to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The coalition application seeks to advance highly effective greenhouse gas reduction strategies that also have strong economic development and environmental justice benefits.

As the comprehensive regional planning organization for northeastern Illinois, CMAP is committed to supporting strategic initiatives that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, foster regional economic development, and advance equity throughout the region. Measures in the coalition's proposal include an industrial decarbonization component (for Chicago, Suburban Cook County, and DuPage County) to assist small and medium sized businesses with decarbonization efforts such as installing energy efficient and electrified equipment, and refrigerant replacement systems, while reducing toxics and air pollution in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

This proposal will also address food waste in Chicago and Cook County through the creation of food scrap collection programs and the infrastructure to support them. Additionally, this initiative 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.

CMAP worked closely with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the lead organization for the CPRG planning grant for the Chicago area, to develop the region's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). The Chicago and Cook County CPRG coalition application supports implementation of key strategies established in the PCAP and represents a major opportunity to advance its goals.

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Once again, CMAP is supportive of the Chicago and Cook County coalition application and share in the commitment to promoting greenhouse gas reduction strategies that foster economic development and advance equity through the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Aleman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Erin Aleman
Executive Director

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