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GOVERNOR

April 1, 2024

Dear Commissioner Tovar,

On behalf of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to support the City of Chicago and Cook County's \$199 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application.

As you know, the state and our staff have worked closely with our partners at the City of Chicago, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus in the development of our Priority Climate Action Plans and CPRG implementation grant applications. Our respective applications provide a unique opportunity to provide significant benefits to our climate, environment, and communities in Illinois.

Your application recognizes and seeks to leverage the unique challenges, strengths, and opportunities of the Chicago metropolitan area. This includes the application's industrial decarbonization component, focusing on smaller and medium-sized businesses in a way that complements the state's regional partnerships for industrial decarbonization at larger scale. Different market segments are sometimes best served by programs at different levels of government. By working collaboratively and playing to our respective strengths, we can more quickly and efficiently realize the benefits of clean industry in Illinois.

Your application's proposal to retrofit public buildings with clean energy technology similarly leverages your strengths as an applicant and advances climate action in the state, while being additive and synergistic with -- not duplicative of -- state-level efforts. Your proposal to better manage food waste builds upon your existing work in this area, and in addition to its immediate benefits, will hopefully provide a blueprint for other municipal governments in Illinois and in the Midwest.

The State of Illinois looks forward to continued partnership and collaboration with you as we work to address the climate crisis, support disadvantaged communities, and grow our clean energy economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written in a stylized, cursive script.

Governor JB Pritzker