



*Via electronic mail*

March 28, 2024

Angela Tovar  
Commissioner, Department of Environment  
City of Chicago  
City Hall  
121 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Commissioner Tovar:

The Chicago Recycling Coalition (CRC) supports the coalition application from the City of Chicago and County of Cook for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CRPG).

Since 1990, CRC has championed environmentally and fiscally sound management of solid waste through research, education and advocacy. CRC supports the Chicago/Cook County CRPG proposal because it is designed to advance highly effective greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies including by addressing food waste in Chicago and Cook County through creation of food scrap collection programs and the infrastructure to support those programs. Such programs will have benefits beyond greenhouse gas reduction including by improving the structure and health of soil, reducing soil erosion and creating jobs.

The CRPG proposal to drastically reduce 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,

*Michelle L. Thoma-Culver*

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