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

Dear Administrator Regan:

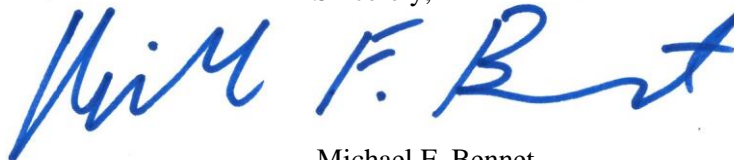
I write in support of the application submitted by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) to the Environmental Protection Agency for funding from the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program. If approved, CEO will implement the state's updated Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap (Roadmap).

The Roadmap, originally completed in 2021 and updated in 2024, is designed to inform actions that enable the state to meet its science-based climate targets of a 26% emissions reduction by 2025, 50% by 2030, and 100% by 2050 from 2005 levels. Funding for roadmap implementation would support priority actions necessary for Colorado to continue to lead in achieving climate pollution reductions.

With CPRG funds, CEO will advance emissions reduction strategies through industrial decarbonization, hydrogen, energy efficiency and electrification of large commercial buildings, and methane monitoring. Specifically, they will lead an effort on industrial decarbonization by analyzing emissions from smaller operations and identifying existing and emerging emission reduction approaches for industrial facilities. CEO will also support clean hydrogen development for use in hard-to-decarbonize sectors as well as emissions reduction efforts in large commercial buildings using a variety of tools including low-interest financing for building owners and operators and direct funding to reduce the cost of efficiency upgrades and electrification. Finally, CPRG funds will support CEO's work building on an existing aerial and ground methane monitoring program that includes methane measurement from satellite observations, planes, drones, ground vehicles, and ground-based sensors.

I encourage you to give the application submitted by the Colorado Energy Office your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration, and please notify my office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator