

March 27, 2024

Commissioner Katie S. Dykes
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06107

Dear Commissioner Dykes,

On behalf of the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB), I am submitting this letter of commitment for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (CT DEEP) individual application requesting federal funding from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Phase II Implementation Grant (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). This application seeks additional funding and incentives to implement critical implementation-ready climate action measures in the transportation, buildings, and waste sectors that Connecticut identified in its Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

The PCAP measures included in the implementation grant application are: (1) funding a medium- and heavy-duty zero emission electric vehicles incentive program; (2) replacing diesel-powered idling truck mounted attenuators used in state transportation construction work with solar and battery-powered ZeroRPM® systems; (3) expanding the state's program to remove health and safety barriers to weatherization and increasing funding for energy efficiency in low-income homes; and (4) enforcing compliance with Connecticut's Commercial Organics Recycling Law and funding food waste diversion programs and composting infrastructure for municipalities in the state.

The Energy Efficiency Board is a group of appointed advisors who utilize their experience and expertise to evaluate, advise, and assist the state's utility companies in developing and implementing comprehensive, cost-effective energy conservation and market transformation plans. The Board ensures these plans help Connecticut consumers reduce energy use in their homes and businesses and help the State meet its changing and growing energy needs. To learn more about the Board, its mission, and its membership, visit: energizect.com/eeb/about-eeb. The Board was created in 1998 by the Connecticut State Legislature, and now operates under mandates in Public Acts: 11-80 Section 33, 13-298 Section 16, and 21-139.

As the Chair of the Energy Efficiency Board, I commit to work with CT DEEP as appropriate in support of the following tasks as part of our regular work of the Board to support the implementation of the expansion of the energy efficiency programs with CPRG funds under measure 3:

- providing input on the design, performance measures, and resources required for CTDEEP to implement the expansion of the state's energy efficiency programs; and
- providing feedback to CT DEEP and the coalition with ideas, contacts, and engagement to help meet Justice 40 and other environmental justice goals for the expansion of the state's energy efficiency programs.

I strongly support DEEP's application for additional funding and incentives to implement the critical implementation-ready climate action measure of expanding the state's funding for weatherization barrier remediation and energy efficiency in low-income homes. With demand for these programs far

outstripping available state funding, CPRG funds are critical to unlocking greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy savings for vulnerable Connecticut residents.

We are confident that DEEP's plan and implementation strategy for this actions will achieve the grant program's goals of "achieving significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond", "achieving substantial community benefits, including the reduction of criteria air pollutants and hazardous air pollutants," "complementing other funding sources to maximize greenhouse gas emissions and community benefits" and "pursuing innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be "scaled up" across multiple jurisdictions."

If you have any questions about our organization's strong commitment to this effort, please contact the Board's Executive Secretary at eeb_secretary@energizect.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Kosior', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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