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March 21, 2024

The Honorable Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
State of Connecticut
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Dykes:

The Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) is pleased to add its support and commitment to participate for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) individual application requesting federal funding from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Phase II Implementation Grant (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) for additional funding and incentives to implement the critical implementation-ready climate action measures in the sectors of transportation, buildings, and waste identified in Connecticut's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

We commits to coordinate and engage on CPRG implementation, including, but not limited to:

- Respond to DEEP issued Request for Information that will inform the community engagement strategy and Request for Proposals for the participant support costs program for community engagement.
- Attend one or more DEEP led public meetings each year related to the implementation-ready climate action measures that may include:
 - ✓ providing input on the design, performance measures, and resources required for DEEP and partners to implement the measures; and
 - ✓ providing feedback to DEEP with ideas, contacts, and engagement to help meet Justice 40 and other environmental justice goals for measure implementation.
- Coordinate on the implementation of the CPRG grants to ensure that no CPRG funding will fund the same measure in the same location.

Our support for this project will, we believe, enable DEEP to more effectively implement these greenhouse gas reduction measures because our unique statutory construction whereby we are made up of the chief-elected officials of our statutorily designated region.

NECCOG is confident that DEEP's plan and implementation strategy will place our state in the best position possible to address the varied challenges poised by climate change. Thank you for your consideration of our support and we look forward to continuing to work with DEEP on this most important effort.

Sincerely,

John Filchak
Executive Director