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Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator of Environmental Protection
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: MetroCOG Municipal Retrofits and Renewables CPRG Implementation Grant Application

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) for Municipal Retrofits and Renewables in pursuance of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Program funds. By creating green jobs and producing civic buildings powered with clean energy in Greater Bridgeport, this project will result in lower carbon emissions, cleaner air, and improved quality of life in the region.

EPA's CPRG Implementation Program funding will assist MetroCOG's member municipalities with retrofitting municipal buildings and systems and installing renewable energy technology on municipal properties. Funds would be utilized for various retrofits, including weatherization, envelope modernization, HVAC upgrades, and renewable technologies, including solar panel installation. Schools, Town Halls, wastewater treatment facilities, and public works facilities are examples of structures that may be funded by the MetroCOG project.

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) ensure that these types of projects provide high-quality jobs to local residents. They will support MetroCOG's project by advising on and implementing local worker safety, standards, and labor relations.

This grant application advances essential goals for the Bridgeport region by creating jobs and promoting green energy, enhancing the local economy, and strengthening communities and families. On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, we fully support this grant application and respectfully urge

your favorable consideration of MetroCOG's application for funding through the CPRG Implementation Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Michael Moconyi

Executive Director
Connecticut Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association