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

Subject: Letter of Intent to Sign the CT COG Coalition MOA for the Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulation and Processes Project (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is to express the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments [RiverCOG]'s interest to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application led by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). RiverCOG intends to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to be submitted by WestCOG to the EPA by July 1, 2024.

RiverCOG collaborated with WestCOG to develop the Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulation and Processes project concept and application which, if funded, will enable the COGs across Connecticut to develop model policies and standards that support more sustainable development patterns, and to work with participating municipalities to implement the new standards and policies with the help of additional technical support.

Previous efforts to promote sustainable land use regulations have fallen short by only providing model language without understanding the nuances of local conditions and the challenges of the local adoption and implementation processes. This project will close this strategy-execution gap by providing the resources to tailor model solutions to local conditions and guide regulatory and process reforms from concept to completion for participating municipalities across the state.

If awarded, RiverCOG commits to being an active participant in the project and helping WestCOG with any necessary implementation efforts.

Sincerely,

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