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March 25, 2024

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

Subject: Letter of Intent to Sign Coalition MOA for the Western Connecticut Council of Government's CPRG Implementation Application (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is to express the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)'s interest to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application lead by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG). SCRCOG fully intends to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be submitted by WestCOG to the EPA by July 1, 2024.

SCRCOG collaborated closely 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 and contract technical support to implement the model language by working with individual municipalities.

Previous efforts at sustainable land use have fallen short by only providing 'model' language without the specificity to local conditions or support needed for local adoption and implementation. This project will close this strategy-execution gap by providing the resources to see regulatory and process reforms the entire way from concept to completion, and from idea to impact, on an intensive, individual basis for municipalities in the MSA.

If awarded, SCRCOG commits to being an active participant, helping WestCOG with any necessary implementation efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carl Amento", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carl J. Amento
Executive Director