



March 29, 2024

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

Re: Letter of Support for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Administrator Regan,

Eversource strongly supports the coalition application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Phase II Implementation Grant (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) for the proposed five-year New England Heat Pump Accelerator. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) as lead entity and other partner entities collaborating on the New England Heat Pump Accelerator will achieve these goals through a three-pronged strategy designed to: activate the supply chain through mid-stream incentives; scale solutions to specific heat pump adoption barriers facing low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and disadvantaged communities; and, share data and educational resources across the region.

Efficient cold-climate heat pumps can substantially reduce emissions, provide significant health benefits, and deliver energy savings for New England residents. We especially support this proposal for the Innovation Hub, which will dedicate significant funding to overcome barriers for LMI households and disadvantaged communities in all five states in the coalition. The projects funded under the Innovation Hub will tackle electrification challenges for unique buildings, such as mobile homes and multifamily buildings, develop community-based solutions to improve access and affordability, and provide resources to cover gaps in current programs, enabling them to offer heat pump upgrades as part of their package of services.

As New England's largest energy delivery company, we lead Energy Efficiency and end-use decarbonization efforts in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire – including under the EnergizeCT, Mass Save and NHSaves brands. We look forward to engaging with the Accelerator to achieve the laudable goals of the program and help identify pathways for Innovation Hub projects. This can include participating in working group meetings, providing input or feedback, or other forms of engagement that may come about as the project is designed and implemented.

Sincerely,

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