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U.S Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford CT 06106-5127

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Rewiring America is pleased to support the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and other New England for the proposed five-year *New England Heat Pump Accelerator*. This program will create mid-stream incentives at the distributor level to encourage the full replacement of HVAC and water heating systems across Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

Rewiring America is the leading electrification nonprofit, focused on electrifying our homes, businesses, and communities. We develop accessible, actionable data and tools, and build coalitions and partnerships to make going electric easier for households and communities. Rewiring America helps Americans save money, tackle nationwide emissions goals, improve health, and build the next generation of the clean energy workforce.

Efficient cold-climate heat pumps can reduce energy costs and offer substantial emissions and health improvements for New England residents. Because of this, many states have prioritized the installation of heat pumps through state policy and energy efficiency rebates. At the same time, there is a gap in the workforce. Leveraging the distributor network can increase contractor adoption of technology and flow these benefits to customers.

This initiative is very important to the New England region and the nation in achieving our emission goals. We hope that you will give this project priority consideration for funding, and look forward to the opportunity to work with CT DEEP and other project partners to make this project a success to serve our region while offering a model for others to follow.

Sincerely,

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