



**March 27, 2024**

**Commissioner Katherine Dykes  
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
RE: Letter of Support for EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant**

Dear Commissioner Dykes,


RMI is excited to support the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and other partner organizations with the proposed five-year New England Heat Pump Accelerator. The Accelerator will leverage a multistate market to rapidly accelerate adoption of cold -climate air-source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and ground source heat pumps in single -family and multifamily residential buildings in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The proposed three-pronged strategy is designed to activate the supply chain, scale solutions to barriers facing low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and environmental justice communities and share data and educational resources across the region.

We especially support the proposed Innovation Hub, which will dedicate funding to overcome barriers to heat pump adoption for LMI households and environmental justice communities in all five partner states. 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 a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the global energy system to secure a clean, prosperous, zero-carbon future for all, RMI has developed expertise in the business models, policies, technologies, and financing mechanisms necessary to advance an equitable clean energy transition. We look forward to leveraging this expertise to support the Accelerator's goals of market transformation for equitable heat pump deployment in New England. This could include participating in working group meetings, providing input or feedback, or other forms of support as the project is designed and implemented.

Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to supporting this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

  
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