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County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters
2079 E 9th St.
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RE Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

I am writing on behalf of **Slavic Village Development** in support of Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Painesville's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the deployment of clean electricity and nature-based solutions, in alignment with the PCAP measures submitted by the Northeastern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The CPRG Implementation Grant submitted by Cuyahoga County, in coalition with the City of Cleveland and the City of Painesville, is an innovative and transformative project that will generate clean and renewable energy through brownfield development and municipal utility clean energy deployment, as well as other nature-based solutions that will dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve low-income energy burden, and improve outdoor air quality.

Slavic Village Development is a forward-looking, service-driven organization which honors its neighborhoods resiliency, diverse cultural heritage, and inclusiveness. We are committed to building a community defined by its high quality of life, unique identity, and healthy and active living.

The Harvard Road Landfill which is in our service area has been one of the most intractable problems facing our community for over 25 years. We have had to endure an owner who ended up in prison, a court appointed receiver with little ability to actually make any positive changes, \$9m of Ohio EPA methane emission remediation work and a general sense of dread about the prospects of something good ever occurring at the property. The proposal by Cuyahoga County to put approximately 9 Mw's of solar on the site starts to put definition to an actual solution for the property that can provide someone in charge of it with resources to deal with all of its legal, regulatory and geologic issues.

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And putting large amounts of solar on the site means that Cleveland Public Power residents will have a lower cost source of energy being fed into its overall system which will help with affordability for all of its users including our neighborhood.

We plan to support this project by assisting with community outreach and ensuring that our residents are kept up to date on all aspects of the development. Our organization's support will help enable this coalition to achieve success because of our experience and expertise in representing a diverse coalition of stakeholders in the southeast neighborhoods of Cleveland.

We are committed to supporting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions throughout our region through strong, sustainable partnerships and innovative solutions that are inclusive of the values of all Northeastern Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shauna Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Player Sanders
Executive Director