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County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters
2079 E 9th St.
Cleveland, OH 44115

RE: Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear County Executive Ronayne:

I am writing on behalf of the Lake Erie College 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.

Lake Erie College supports this overall vision that includes reclamation of a 1,100-acre brownfield – the former Diamond Shamrock property – as a publicly accessible lakefront nature preserve, as well as installation of a 277-acre solar site that will enable the City of Painesville to generate lower-cost clean energy for its residents and to permanently shut down its coal-powered peaking plant. All combined, the cumulative impacts of each component of this lakefront transformation initiative will yield tremendous environmental, economic, social and climate resilience benefits for the communities of Painesville Township, the City of Painesville and Fairport Harbor, as well as the broader Lake County and Northeast Ohio region.

Lake Erie College supports 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,

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