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RE Letter of Commitment for Cuyahoga County CPRG Implementation Grant Submission

Dear Executive Ronayne,

I am writing on behalf of **Lake County Department of Health**, in support of Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Painesville's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) for the deployment of clean electricity and nature-based solutions, in alignment with the PCAP measures submitted by the Northeast 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, increase greenspace, and improve outdoor air quality. This initiative, which integrates solar energy infrastructure with conservation efforts, embodies a holistic approach to promoting environmental sustainability and public health.

The Lake County General Health District contracts with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the local air agency (LAA) for Lake and Geauga counties. The Lake County General Health District is responsible for monitoring air quality in Lake and Geauga Counties, entering public or private property for inspection of emissions, investigate alleged violations of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3704 or act of air pollution, to issue or deny permission of open burning, and encourage, participate in, or conduct studies investigations and research relating to air pollution, and other related duties.

Solar energy presents an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, which are significant contributors to respiratory diseases, cardiovascular problems, and other health issues affecting our community. The incorporation of conservation measures such as habitat restoration, native plantings, and sustainable land management techniques promotes ecological balance and these efforts contribute to improving air and water quality, enhancing natural resilience to extreme weather events, and mitigating the impacts of environmental degradation on human health.

The Lake County Board of Health recognizes the critical importance of transitioning towards sustainable and renewable energy sources to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and promote public health and well-being. By investing in renewable energy infrastructure and conservation efforts, you are creating job opportunities and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents in our jurisdiction. We believe that this initiative represents a significant step towards building a healthier, more resilient, and sustainable future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Ron Graham
Health Commissioner
Lake County General Health District