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Commissioner Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D.
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Dear Commissioner Bishop,

On behalf of the Alaska Municipal League (AML), please accept this letter of commitment for the Denali Borough School District's (DBSD) application for the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG). We believe in the goals of this initiative to address outstanding maintenance needs at rural Alaska schools identified through the Capital Improvements Program helping school districts reduce their uniquely high energy burden while providing a healthier environment for students and the communities that depend on schools as extra lodging for visitors, gathering spaces, and emergency shelters.

AML is excited to be a part of a potential generational opportunity for transformative impacts on the energy systems of disadvantaged, rural communities in Alaska. AML represents and works to support Alaska's 165 municipal governments in addressing their challenges. In line with our Infrastructure program and long-term work with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on the State of Alaska's CPRG planning grant, we intend to support DBSD in efforts to enhance energy efficiency through building retrofits. As a sub-recipient, AML's broader effort is focused on ensuring that Alaska can make the most of federal infrastructure investments, including through CPRG. AML's role will continue to be as a convener and facilitator of information sharing and working with all partners to help deliver community benefits and overcome barriers to implementation. AML is an eligible subrecipient, with strong governance and financial management systems in place. The Denali Borough is a member of AML.

AML will begin working with DEC to establish a statewide tracking and reporting system for CPRG awardees to combine data in a singular database. The system will supplement sub-awardees with technical assistance provided to encourage timely reporting, with methodology consistent with the State's GHG emissions inventory. Lastly, AML will lead a statewide cohort of awardees to participate in CPRG planning and creation of a sustainability plan.

We look forward to this program and AML strongly supports the DBSD proposal. Should it be selected, we welcome the opportunity to partner to initiate long-term emission reduction, greater resiliency to disruptive events, and economic and environmental benefits in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Nils Andreassen
Executive Director
Alaska Municipal League