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Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
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RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

We are pleased to submit this letter expressing Group14 Engineering, PBC's support for the proposed Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal presented by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

Group14 Engineering, PBC is a consulting firm committed to improving the energy and resource efficiency of buildings. We offer a unique combination of in-depth energy analysis, commissioning, and hands-on existing buildings expertise. Group14 was established in 1992 and is headquartered in Denver, Colorado with projects across the United States. Group14 has performed many projects helping building owners and public entities achieve building decarbonization through both energy efficiency and building electrification. We know first hand that additional support is greatly needed to move building decarbonization forward. The "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiative encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization and will help drive **Group14's mission of transforming the built environment to realize a more resilient future.**

The following summarizes key elements of the proposal driving Group14's support:

- *The building sector is the largest source of GHG emissions in the Denver metro area. Buildings have a long life and are difficult to modify. Achieving building decarbonization will require the support outlined in the proposal.*
- *Buildings need support in different ways. The proposal addresses unique needs with options for full service retrofits, energy advisors, and direct incentives.*
- *Buildings have unique needs with a variety of barriers. This proposal offers tailored services for residential and commercial buildings owners, both private and public.*
- *Building decarbonization success depends on a variety of factors across the region. The proposal addresses regional challenges from supply chain to workforce which will help drive a market transformation.*
- *This proposal will develop new business with incentives for innovative ideas and increased scale which will make building decarbonization more mainstream. It will also help develop the workforce with new well paying jobs in the region.*
- *Much needed support will be provided for local governments so they can develop solutions tailored to their communities. This will help local governments implement projects, educate their communities, develop zero-emissions codes, and create building performance standards.*

The proposal is comprehensive and transformative. It not only targets equitable building electrification but also ensures a focus on Justice40 principles, prioritizing benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities. Group14 works closely with many of these communities including affordable housing so we know the unique needs firsthand. This proposal will help support our entire region to advance climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

We look forward to contributing our expertise, tools, and resources to support the success of this groundbreaking initiative. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions on our support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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