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Denver Regional Council of Governments
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RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

As the City Manager representing the City of Thornton, we are writing to express our wholehearted support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal presented by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiative encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization, and we believe it aligns with our city's sustainability goals and commitments.

This proposal addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector, and it spans the entire region, recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain, workforce, and market transformation transcend municipal borders and require a regional approach. The proposed programs are accessible and implementable across jurisdictions and government capacities and tackles all barriers to building decarbonization, offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry, and local governments. As a local government, we are excited to receive support for solution development, implementation, and education, promoting zero-emission codes and 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 and will help bring our entire region along in advancing our climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction goals. The three-tiered approach caters to diverse needs: full-service retrofits, energy advisors for the mass market, and direct incentives for those with existing plans.

We look forward to contributing our expertise, tools, and resources to support the success of this groundbreaking initiative. Should you have any inquiries regarding our support for this funding application, please feel free to contact Alice Huang at alice.huang@thorntonco.gov.

Sincerely,

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