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Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80202

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

As the Mayor of the Town of Erie (the Town), representing our community's interests and commitments to sustainability and environmental stewardship, I am 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 Town's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fostering equitable development.

This proposal addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, the building sector. The proposal recognizes the interconnectedness of our region's municipalities and the need for a collaborative, regional approach to tackling climate change. By spanning the entire region, the proposal ensures that building retrofits, supply chain enhancements, workforce development, and market transformation efforts transcend municipal boundaries and benefit all communities.

Furthermore, the proposal's comprehensive programs are accessible and implementable across jurisdictions and government capacities. The three-tiered approach caters to diverse needs, offering full-service retrofits, energy advisors for the mass market, and direct incentives for those with existing plans. This inclusivity ensures that all residents and businesses can participate in and benefit from the decarbonization efforts.

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.

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 me at jbrooks@erieco.gov or (720)818-2643.

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