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The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write in support of the application by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). If awarded, DRCOG will decarbonize buildings and homes, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

DRCOG is a metropolitan planning organization for the Denver-metro area, serving approximately 2.7 million residents with an expected population of 4.2 million by 2035. The decarbonization efforts in the proposal focus on the barriers to building decarbonization and offer multiple levels of service for all community members. The project scope includes full-service retrofits for disadvantaged residents, workforce development to train new and upskill existing workforce, and policy development and implementation to advance zero emission codes. These efforts will revolve around the Administration's Justice40 Initiative, maximizing investment and full-service for vulnerable populations served by the DRCOG.

The proposal applies an ambitious and holistic approach to building decarbonization which spans the entire region, recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain workforce, and market transformation transcend municipal borders and require a regional approach. We respectfully encourage you to give the Denver Regional Council of Governments' application your full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your review, and please notify our office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator