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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

Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) is a coalition of 42 counties and municipalities advocating for strong state and federal climate policy. And while our membership is geographically diverse, many of our local government members are part of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) region. **CC4CA strongly supports** the Denver Regional Council of Governments's (DRCOG) project proposal for a Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG). "Decarbonize DRCOG" is a thoughtful and thorough approach to reducing emissions from the built environment equitably and at scale.

As local governments and local elected officials, we have a unique perspective on the threats and challenges that climate change poses. Our members understand that climate change poses severe risks to our health, safety, homes, businesses, infrastructure, economies, and way of life. At the local level, and within our scope of authority and capacity, our members are working to build climate resilience and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. We have developed climate action plans and sustainability plans, and we invest our resources in implementing those plans. As local governments, we are keenly aware that buildings represent one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions, and, for many of our local governments, buildings are their largest source of emissions. Equitable decarbonizing of the built environment will be critically important to meeting both the state's greenhouse gas reduction targets and our own local climate goals. The Decarbonize DRCOG proposal addresses challenges with building decarbonization through a regional approach that addresses all key factors necessary for success.

DRCOG's proposed 7 programmatic areas communicate a clear and comprehensive strategy for building decarbonization at a regional scale. These areas and strategies reflect the needs and types of programs our members have communicated are necessary to meaningfully reduce emissions from this sector. We strongly endorse this proposal, and look forward to partnering with Decarbonize DRCOG.

Sincerely,

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