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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 City of Longmont, I am writing to express my 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 I believe it strongly aligns with the City of Longmont's sustainability and climate action goals and commitments. Details of the City's sustainability efforts, including climate action goals and progress toward meeting those goals, can be found on the City's recently launched indicators platform: https://Indicators.Longmont.gov.

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The Decarbonize DRCOG proposal addresses Longmont's primary source of greenhouse gas emissions – the building sector. We know that in addition to our transition to 100% renewable electric energy supply by 2030, beneficial building electrification is a key component in reaching our ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals. The CPRG funding is critical in decarbonizing our buildings in an equitable way, by prioritizing low-income households and disadvantaged communities – our community members that we know are least responsible for climate change and most impacted not only by the effects of climate change, but by the costs of implementing building electrification measures.

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. CPRG funding would allow Longmont to expand fledgling program efforts to support low-income households be more resilient to extreme heat through energy efficiency, building electrification, and health and safety measures, bringing cooling and comfort to households with heat vulnerable populations.

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We know that Longmont alone cannot shift the building sector away from fossil fuels and that a regional approach that addresses supply chain, workforce, and innovation, along with offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry, and local governments is needed to meaningfully support the market transformation needed for widespread adoption of building electrification.

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.

Sincerely,

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