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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**

The Boulder Watershed Collective is writing to express our 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 watershed and community resilience goals supported by our community.

This proposal addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector. The proposal's programs are accessible and implementable across jurisdictions and government capacities and tackles barriers to building decarbonization, offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry, and local governments. 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. Industry benefits from workforce development and business growth funding, along with innovation dollars for new ideas. The grant supports an increase in well-paying jobs, addressing the region's employment needs.

The Boulder Watershed Collective works at the nexus of community and watershed health and resilience. Decarbonization and pollution reduction are critical components of advancing a just transition and feasible climate adaptation strategies in our communities.

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.

Should you have any inquiries regarding our support for this funding application, please feel free to contact Maya MacHamer at 303-817-2261.

Sincerely,

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