



City of Boulder Climate Initiatives

March 14, 2024

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

RE: City of Boulder Climate Initiatives Letter of Commitment for Climate Pollution Reduction
Implementation Grant (CPRG) – *Decarbonize DRCOG*

Dear DRCOG,

Boulder has long led actions to preserve the environment, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and tackle climate change, with the City Council and the community consistently demonstrating support for these efforts. The City's Climate Initiatives Department has been instrumental in driving local climate action, dedicated to slowing climate change and fostering resilience across our community.

As our region experiences more extreme weather events such as wildfires and devastating floods, there's an urgent need to accelerate the decarbonization process and ensure that viable solutions and technologies are readily available. We believe that the *Decarbonize DRCOG* initiative presents a comprehensive and transformative approach that aligns seamlessly with Boulder's objectives to scale up impact and swiftly decarbonize the building sector. It prioritizes equitable building electrification and incorporates Justice40 principles, emphasizing benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities. This initiative will propel our region forward in achieving our climate justice and greenhouse gas reduction objectives.

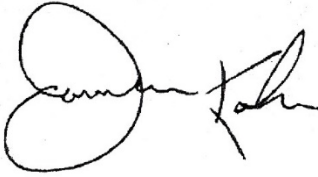
The City of Boulder has been deeply involved in the development of the *Decarbonize DRCOG* proposal and is fully committed to its successful implementation. If awarded, Boulder commits extensive resources, expertise, and community support to both launch and sustain it. **Moreover, the Climate Initiatives Department commits direct resources to its implementation, including the equivalent of one full-time employee for each of the five years dedicated to policy, governance, coordination, and support for the full spectrum of LIDAC decarbonization efforts with a total financial contribution of \$8.25 million over 5 years.**

We look forward to the positive outcomes that can result from our collective efforts to strengthen partnerships with local governments and center the experience, wisdom, and voices of Frontline/DI community members to foster collaboration and equitable climate action projects.

The Biden administration has challenged Americans to listen to science and rise to meet this moment. We are excited about the transformative potential of this initiative and look forward to working closely with DRCOG and other stakeholders to advance our collective climate mitigation efforts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, or if there are ways in which our office can support or advance this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Koehn', with a stylized, cursive script.

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