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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

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado, representing the collective voice of consulting engineering firms in the region, I am writing to express ACEC Colorado's 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.

The Decarbonize DRCOG proposal spans the entire region, recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain, workforce, and market transformation transcend municipal borders and require a regional approach. Additionally, 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. ACEC Colorado believes that industry will benefit from workforce development and business growth funding, along with innovation dollars for new ideas, as the grant supports an increase in well-paying jobs, addressing the region's employment needs.

Finally, ACEC Colorado believes 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.

ACEC Colorado looks forward to contributing its member firms' 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 directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi M. Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized.

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