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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

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Lyra, I am thrilled to express our 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 we believe it aligns with our focus on expanding access to quality green jobs and tackling the barriers to community resilience across Colorado.

Through our Climatarium initiative, Lyra works to expand access to climate education and green workforce pathways for students statewide. We believe in building an education ecosystem that fosters local resiliency, increases opportunities for youth and communities in rural regions, and fosters green skill development across pathways and sectors. Infrastructure and building trades are essential focus areas for ensuring that we create a greener Colorado and support workforce development toward high-wage, high-need careers. We believe that the Decarbonize DRCOG proposal is a vital step to creating accessible programming that is responsive to the diverse needs of Colorado communities and addresses core decarbonization needs in the building sector.

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.

At Lyra, we are thrilled at the opportunity to engage with partners statewide and strengthen learning around decarbonization and workforce development. 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 Elizabeth Harbaugh at elizabeth@lyracolorado.org.

Sincerely,

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