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Denver Regional Council of Governments
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RE: Letter of Support for Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant (CPRG) - Decarbonize DRCOG Proposal

As the Mayor of Northglenn, I am writing to extend our full support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) project proposal presented by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The "Decarbonize DRCOG" initiative represents a crucial step towards regional building decarbonization, aligning closely with Northglenn's ongoing efforts and aspirations for a greener, more resilient future.

Northglenn's commitment to sustainability and climate action is evident in our many actions and priorities including our ongoing participation in Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) and this proposal is fully in line with those priorities. The "Decarbonize DRCOG" proposal is unique because it takes a regional approach recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain dynamics, workforce training, and market transformation transcend municipal borders. This approach has an incredible potential for meaningful impact and accessibility for all municipalities and communities in the DRCOG region.

I am also particularly excited by the proposal's comprehensive nature addressing the many barriers to building decarbonization and offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry stakeholders, and local governments alike. In addition, the focus on workforce development, business growth funding, and innovation support for industry partners makes a significant step towards fostering economic resilience and job creation in our city and region.

This 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. We look forward to collaborating with the Denver Regional Council of Governments and other stakeholders to ensure the ongoing success of the Decarbonize DRCOG initiative. Should you have any inquiries regarding our support, please feel free to contact Mara Owen at mowen@northglenn.org.

Sincerely,

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