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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 U.S. Green Building Council, as the global leader in green building certifications and representing our members from all sectors of the economy, is writing to express our strong 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 organizational priorities and the LEED framework of decarbonizing the built environment.

USGBC was founded on the knowledge that the building sector is approximately 40% of GHG emissions and that we need to work diligently across jurisdictions to reduce emissions from existing buildings and newly constructed buildings and homes to achieve the needed reductions. This grant will also support the workforce development and job creation that will go along with decarbonizing the regional built environment.

This Decarbonize DRCOG proposal aligns with the next version of LEED, version 5, which will have an even deeper focus on whole building lifecycle decarbonization, equity, and resilience strategies. We like how the proposal 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 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 me, Charlie Woodruff at cwoodruff@usgbc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Woodruff".

Charlie Woodruff
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