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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**

Spirit of the Sun, representing the voices of the Native and Indigenous communities in the Denver metropolitan area, we are writing 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 Spirit of the Sun's Mission of protecting, healing, and stewarding Mother Earth for the next seven generations to come.

This proposal addresses Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector. The proposal spans the entire region, recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain, workforce, and market transformation transcend municipal borders and require a regional approach. The proposal tackles all barriers to building decarbonization, offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry, and local governments. Local governments receive support for solution development, implementation, and education, promoting zero-emission codes and building performance standards. The grant supports an increase in well-paying jobs, addressing the region's employment needs.

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.

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 Shannon Francis at sfrancis@spiritofthesun.org or 720-456-8259.

**Sincerely,
Shannon Francis**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Francis".

**Executive Director
Spirit of the Sun, Inc.**