

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 26th, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

As the Congresswoman representing Colorado's 8th Congressional District, I am writing to request full and fair consideration of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation grant proposal submitted by Colorado's Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The "Decarbonize DRCOG" proposal encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization, and it strongly resonates with my commitment to advancing equitable climate solutions for our communities.


The proposal's emphasis on addressing Denver and the Metro Area's largest source of GHG emissions – the building sector – is commendable. My district comprises most of Adams County and a large portion of Weld County, which constitute a large portion of the DRCOG region. By recognizing that building retrofits, supply chain dynamics, workforce training, and market transformation transcend municipal borders, the Decarbonize DRCOG initiative reflects an understanding of the interconnected nature of our climate challenges and the importance of a regional approach.

Moreover, I am particularly encouraged by the proposal's accessibility and ability to implement across jurisdictions and governmental capacities. Its comprehensive nature, touching upon all barriers to building decarbonization and offering tailored services for home and building owners, industry stakeholders, and local governments alike, underscores its potential for meaningful impact. I am heartened by the proposal's focus on prioritizing benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities and ensuring that they are at the forefront of our climate efforts.

I appreciate the opportunity to highlight the Decarbonize DRCOG proposal and respectfully request your agency's full and fair review of the application consistent with all applicable policies and procedures. We hope you'll consider notifying my office if you determine to award any funds.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yadira Caraveo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Yadira Caraveo, MD
Member of Congress