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

Lohmiller and Company is the Carrier and Bryant HVAC distributor for Colorado, and we have been working closely with Denver's CASR group for the past three years to help lead Denver and the surrounding municipalities into this new era of decarbonization. As the largest HVAC distributor in Colorado, we represent a collective voice of manufacturers, installing contractors, consulting engineers and manufacturer Reps within the region and we are writing to express 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 encompasses a transformative and holistic approach to regional building decarbonization, and we believe it aligns with not only our organization, but the many HVAC contractors and consulting engineers within this region!

One of the biggest benefits of including the DRCOG/CASR in this grant is their experience over the past three years pioneering Electrification into the City of Denver. As mentioned above, they do take a transformative and holistic approach to decarbonization, but with a much-needed realistic approach. Many municipalities and government officials create programs and legislation that is not achievable with the limited technology available today, which leads to wasted funding and huge shortfalls of their decarbonization goals. Denver's CASR group learned early on the need to consult organizations like mine to get needed feedback on what affordable technologies exist in sufficient quantities, and what hurdles need to be overcome to implement such changes.

Over these past three years the City and County of Denver has established relationships with businesses like ours and have had open and honest two-way conversations to coordinate our purchasing, stocking and training plans with their decarbonization programs, to assure the success of the programs. These programs when developed with such communication ensures that the funds available are not only used completely but used effectively – allowing more home and building owners to have access to these state of the art all-electric HVAC systems, and more HVAC businesses to grow and thrive embracing these systems instead of resisting them. The proposal is comprehensive and transformative, and it targets equitable building electrification without losing focus on the justice40 principles which prioritize benefits for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

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The largest potential for decarbonization is found in energy usage for residential and commercial buildings. Not only will awarding the City and County of Denver this grant maximizes the funds to their highest potential within the city, but it will also spread to the surrounding metro Denver counties as well. The City and County of Denver is the leader within the state for implementing cutting edge environmental programs and regulations that the rest of the state follows step with shortly after.

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 any time via e-mail or phone call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Brown".

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