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Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Re: Letter of Support for City of Duluth's application to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

This letter is written in support of the City of Duluth's proposal for **City of Duluth: J40 Wastewater Heat Recovery in a Very Cold Climate**. The proposal by the City of Duluth would help with energy affordability in our cold climate and provides resources to assist with energy efficiency work on commercial buildings.

Our organization, Downtown Duluth, advocates for our members in support of a vibrant, friendly, and sustainable Downtown Waterfront. This project promotes a cleaner environment, and will help the City lead on clean energy solutions. It would also help stabilize energy costs for heating downtown buildings, which supports our efforts to retain and recruit businesses.

Downtown Duluth seeks to be a partner in energy transition and we support the entrepreneurial approach of capturing wastewater effluent heat for district energy. We recognize that project outcomes will help our community reduce emissions and improve air quality, which minimizes impacts on human and environmental health.

Sincerely,

Kristi Stokes
President