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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

Boilermakers #647

Bricklayers #1

Carpenters #361

Cement Masons #633

Elevator #9

IBEW #242

Insulators #49

Ironworkers #512

Laborers #1091

Millwrights #1348

Operators #49

Painters #106

Pipefitters #11

Roofers #96

Sheetmetal #10

Sprinklerfitters #669

Teamsters #346

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 role is to ensure quality, professionalism, and efficiency in construction projects in Duluth, along with advocating for our members in support of opportunities to create good jobs and reinvest in our local economy. This project promotes steady, local jobs, and will help the City lead on clean energy industry. It would also help stabilize energy costs for heating downtown buildings, which supports our efforts to retain and recruit businesses.

Our union members seek to be a partner in energy transition, and we support the entrepreneurial approach of capturing wastewater effluent heat for district energy, along with energy efficiency in commercial building stock. We recognize that project outcomes will help our members access safe, steady jobs contributing to the local economy. Projects of this magnitude will also recruit new workforce talent to our area, Furthermore, providing an economic boost. These projects will also be using our local apprenticeships, these apprenticeships are pivotal to growing and sustaining our local workforce.

Sincerely,

Jack Carlson , President
Duluth Building Trades