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**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write in support of the application from the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program. HVRC is seeking federal support to reduce emissions from municipal buildings in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York.

Existing municipal buildings, such as the ones included in this project, can be extremely expensive to retrofit. These frequently historic structures typically have unique and distinctive architectural styles. With funding from the CPRG Program, HVRC would be able to work with municipalities to upgrade or install heat pump systems and other energy-saving measures in older municipal buildings, therefore lowering emissions from government operation facilities in the Mid-Hudson Region. Making the switch to cleaner energy sources is crucial to creating a future that is both equitable and sustainable. The community's health and air quality, as well as cost savings, resilience, and energy security, are further advantages of building electrification.

New York State's Primary Climate Action Plan identified the development of decarbonized, resilient public buildings as one of its priority greenhouse gas reduction measures. By decarbonizing municipal buildings throughout the Mid-Hudson Region, HVRC's proposal will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while investing in a cleaner economy that will spur innovation, economic growth, and build more equitable, resilient communities.

Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan  
Member of Congress

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