

United States Senate

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Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write to express my support for the coalition proposal being submitted by the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program to reduce emissions from municipal buildings in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York.

I am glad to see New York's municipalities taking part in the historic funding from the Inflation Reduction Act. This grant will help those disproportionately hurt by the impacts of climate change, including addressing the public health effects of air pollution. The coalition submitting this application has ensured that more than 40% of the benefits of this grant application will flow to disadvantaged communities. Buildings that serve our Justice40 communities will be decarbonized because of this grant, such as the City of White Plains' Library to the Town Hall in rural Amenia.

This coalition proposal aims to significantly cut government operations greenhouse gas emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region by enhancing municipal building efficiency, and by decreasing fuel oil and natural gas consumption. Additionally, this multi-municipal effort will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act as well as the United States' goal to reduce GHG emissions 50% by 2030.

I strongly urge the Environmental Protection Agency to consider the HVRC's request, which would benefit this wonderful community and its residents. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer United
States Senator