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Michael Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing regarding the Hudson Valley Regional Council's (HVRC) proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to install and/or retrofit older municipal buildings with heat pump HVAC systems and other energy efficiency measures to reduce government operation building emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region.

HVRC is applying as the lead in a coalition application of municipalities that have been working as a cohort on climate action efforts as part of HVRC's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI) program. This grant will be used to help those who are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change, such as dealing with air pollution's effects on health. The coalition submitting the application ensured that disadvantaged communities would benefit from more than 40% of the benefits resulting from this grant request. Buildings that serve our Justice40 communities will be decarbonized because of this grant, including the White Plains Library in my District.

I support the goals of the Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. This coalition proposal aims to significantly cut their government operations greenhouse gas emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region by enhancing municipal building efficiency and 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. Therefore, I respectfully request your agency's full and fair consideration of Hudson Valley Regional Council's grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamaal Bowman".

Representative Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D; NY-16