

# 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 individual 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 closed landfills 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. The Mid-Hudson Region has a high number of small municipal landfills and is an excellent candidate to implement a biofilter solution to reduce the emissions from these landfills. We are also a region with dozens of small communities that have completed greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action plans. We understand the sources of emissions in our communities and know that our closed landfill methane emissions are insidious drivers of rising global temperatures. These emissions, particularly from small, closed municipal landfills, are often hidden. This project will bring more awareness to this issue and make great strides toward mitigating emissions from our communities.

This individual application aims to significantly cut government operations greenhouse gas emissions in the Mid-Hudson Region by reducing methane emissions from closed landfills. 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