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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 closed landfills in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York.

In the Hudson Valley, closed landfills are a silent but significant source of methane. Funding from the CPRG Program would enable HVRC to provide technical assistance to municipalities in the Mid-Hudson Region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions emitted from closed landfills. HVRC, in collaboration with municipalities, will accurately measure the emissions produced by the closed landfills, mitigate those emissions through biofilters, and, where applicable, conduct feasibility studies to determine how to repurpose the sites for renewable energy generation.

New York State's Primary Climate Action Plan identified landfills as the largest source of emissions in New York's waste sector, accounting for 78% of emissions in this sector. By reducing the emissions from closed landfills in 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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