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Michael Regan  
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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) which aims to reduce emissions from closed landfills in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York.

I am glad to see New York's municipalities, including the Village of Mamaroneck in my district, are taking part in the historic funding from the Inflation Reduction Act. The HVRC will measure the emissions resulting from closed landfills and, where appropriate, mitigate them through biofilters or feasibility studies for landfill solar power stations as well as battery storage facilities in collaboration with municipalities. If awarded, this grant will significantly decrease a silent but significant methane emitter. It would also increase renewable energy access in the Mid-Hudson Region. The Mid-Hudson Region has a high number of small municipal landfills and is a candidate to implement a biofilter solution to reduce the emissions from these landfills. The Hudson Valley Regional Council understands the sources of emissions in the communities and knows that 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.

The Hudson Valley Regional Council's proposal aims to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions from government activities in the Mid-Hudson region through a reduction of methane emissions from sealed 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 by 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