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March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan
EPA Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the State of Illinois' application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The State's application, led by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is requesting \$372,498,161 that will address opportunities for climate action across the State.

As Governor, I prioritize addressing climate change because I understand the adverse effects it can have on an individual's health and well-being, especially our most vulnerable people and communities. Over the course of my term, my Administration continuously focuses on creating a cleaner and more sustainable State. The passing of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) in 2021 was only the beginning. My Administration is proud to have accomplished this work and understands that there is more work to be done. In order to rise to the occasion, we need collaboration and resources.

IEPA, along with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Finance Authority and other state agencies, nonprofits, utilities and organizations are working to address the obstacles and challenges in meeting the state's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets, co-pollutant targets and goals, and community benefits goals, by targeting gaps in funding for critical pathways to achieve these goals. Illinois' Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) offers a path towards broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

Addressing climate change allows us to evade the bad, but also allows us to encourage the good like creating jobs, growing the clean energy economy, and reinvesting in disadvantaged communities, but to unlock critical opportunities for climate action we cannot go at it alone. The support of federal CPRG resources is critical. It will allow the State of Illinois to bolster climate action in businesses and communities across the 'Land of Lincoln'. I fully support IEPA's application knowing that these funds will ensure a clean future for all Illinoisans.

Sincerely,

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Governor JB Pritzker



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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March 29, 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

As the nation's third largest city and the state's largest urban center Chicago recognizes its critical responsibility to set and strive toward bold climate goals that mirror the ambition of the State of Illinois. In line with this commitment, in 2022, Chicago set a more aggressive GHG emissions reductions target of 62% by 2040 in its latest Climate Action Plan. Reaching this target will be possible through large scale investments such as the City's commitment to sourcing 70% of its power needs with new, in-state clean energy.

As a critical corridor for transnational movement of people and goods, the City offers its sincere support for the State's pursuit of investment to deploy clean transportation and freight. By reducing exposure to hazardous air and noise pollution, neighboring communities- often low-income and cumulatively impacted- are able to experience higher quality living conditions and better health outcomes. Deep partnership will allow the State of Illinois to more effectively meet the goals of CPRG and deliver direct, long-standing and cascading benefits for communities in Chicago and across the country.

The City of Chicago supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We were involved throughout the planning process and coordinated closely with the state in the development of their application. If Illinois' application is successful, the City will continue to engage with the state agencies in the planning and implementation of the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

Mayor

April 1, 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Finance Authority/Illinois Climate Bank (ICB), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power. We are grateful that you were able to brief the volunteer ICB board members at our most recent public meeting on March 12, 2024.

Created in 2004, the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) is a nationally recognized conduit issuer in the tax-exempt financing market and the commercial property assessed clean energy financing market. IFA provides access to low-cost capital to public and private institutions by issuing tax-exempt qualified private activity bonds and property assessed clean energy bonds or notes to facilitate the funding of eligible projects by borrowers that create long-term economic value in communities throughout Illinois. To date, our conduit financing programs have spanned every county and helped capitalize thousands of projects spanning industries such as agriculture, education, healthcare, cultural and social entities, and local government.

In 2021, after the passing of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), IFA was designated as the State Climate Bank. The Climate Bank is dedicated to reducing carbon emissions, creating energy efficient programs, and providing equity and job creation for communities affected by the climate crisis and the clean energy transition. As the Climate Bank, IFA applies to federal funding opportunities related to clean energy on behalf of the State of Illinois.

In assisting and participating the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in the State's CPRG application, ICB builds on its long-established partnership with IEPA in obtaining additional private capital financing to expand capacity for the IEPA State Water Revolving Fund. The CPRG proposal also complements ICB's more recent work with IEPA regarding the establishment of a building revolving loan fund (with USDOE funding) and support for IEPA electric vehicle road map. As part of the CPRG proposal, ICB will help establish a catalyst fund to provide up to a \$12,000/home, whole-building electrification incentive for homes in Illinois, as well as 5–10-year low-cost equitable financing bridge loans for residential/small commercial decarbonization



investments. Additionally, ICB will work with IEPA and the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) to establish a Clean Building Navigator program by helping coordinate education and outreach. ICB will also assist in launching the Clean Buildings Access portal. ICB will develop grant projects for geothermal projects, Stretch Code adoption, and for municipalities and co-ops to develop strategic plans to transition away from fossil fuels. Lastly, ICB is working to establish several low-cost loan and programs to purchase EV chargers and medium- and heavy-duty electric fleet vehicles.

The Illinois Finance Authority/Illinois Climate Bank is already involved in several ambitious climate projects. Since its CEJA designation in 2021, ICB has been dedicated to achieving many of the goals of the CPRG program. From 2022-2023, ICB mobilized approximately \$627 million in private capital for climate finance projects, in which 54% of these investments were made in or benefitted low-income and disadvantaged communities. ICB is a lead implementing agency under several recent Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) awards, including the US FHWA Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program, US DOE Grid Resilience Formula Grants (40401d), and US DOE Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Program. ICB plans to build off existing Climate Bank programs and financial products to complement Illinois' CPRG approach.

The Illinois Finance Authority supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

Chris Meister
Executive Director
Illinois Finance Authority/Illinois Climate Bank



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

March 25, 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along the path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

The mission of DCEO is to create equitable economic opportunities across the State of Illinois. By attracting and supporting major job creators, investing in communities, strengthening Illinois' world-class workforce, fostering innovation, and ushering in the new clean energy economy, DCEO works to fortify Illinois' reputation as a global economic powerhouse while ensuring Illinois is the best state to live, work, and do business.

DCEO will have a central role in this application and has committed to the designing and the implementation of the following tasks proposed in Illinois' CPRG application:

Accelerating Clean and Efficient Building Adoption

- *Clean Building Navigator Consumer Outreach Program:* DCEO will manage and oversee this program, including a competitive procurement of the program administrator and launching a new grassroots and community-based organizations grant program.
- *Clean Buildings Access Portal:* DCEO will manage a competitive procurement of services to develop and maintain a contractor portal. DCEO will also be deeply involved in designing the portal to coordinate with its existing programs.
- *Clean Buildings Contractor Training:* DCEO will expand its existing Clean Jobs Workforce Network and Clean Energy Contractor Incubator programs to incorporate building electrification into the Illinois workforce ecosystem.

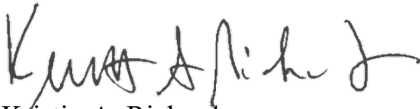
Deploying Clean Transportation and Freight

- *Fleet/Freight Operation and Heavy-Duty Charging Workforce Training*: DCEO will further expand its existing workforce programs to ensure Illinois has a robust ecosystem of contractors who can install and maintain heavy-duty charging infrastructure.

DCEO's support of this CPRG programming is critical, as our agency currently administers a variety of clean energy and workforce development programs, such as the Weatherization Assistance Program, Clean Jobs Workforce Network, Clean Energy Contractor Incubator, and Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator programs. To be effective at reaching building owners and fleet managers, and at creating a skilled clean energy workforce, the new and expanded programs proposed in Illinois' CPRG application must be coordinated closely with and leverage existing programs.

DCEO supports this application and is committed to assisting efforts to plan and implement the programs described in the State of Illinois' application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the stakeholders and other state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,



Kristin A. Richards

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28 March 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Power Agency, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** ("CPRG") application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

The Illinois Power Agency ("IPA") is an independent state agency tasked with the implementation of the Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard and procuring power for default service customers. The IPA is committed to the planning and procurement of reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity for residents and businesses in an ethical and objective manner, insulated from improper influence. The IPA administers incentive programs and procurements to promote renewable and zero-carbon energy generation, while building an equitable clean energy future for all Illinoisans. These activities provide financial incentives and support for utility-scale wind, hydroelectric, and solar projects, distributed photovoltaic generation, community solar projects, and existing nuclear generation plants. The Illinois Renewable Portfolio Standard has targets of 40% renewable resources by 2030, and 50% renewable resources by 2040.

The Illinois Power Agency will coordinate with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and other state agencies on the design and implementation of a suite of proposed programs to ensure they coordinate well with existing clean energy programs and policies, and will provide our expertise in power market planning. In addition, the Agency will implement the Statewide Clean Energy Modelling measure to inform our options related to ensuring sufficient resource adequacy for Illinois.



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The IPA's support is critical to ensuring that the proposed activities related to clean energy are designed to align with the state's existing clean energy incentive programs, allowing customers, and particularly customers with low incomes, to decarbonize their homes in a manner that reduces their energy burden. The IPA's support is also needed to ensure the clean energy modeling results are incorporated into decision making regarding Illinois' electric generation future. The IPA regularly consults and collaborates with other state agencies to ensure that the full scope of benefits of a growing clean energy economy, such as fair labor protections, job training and workforce development, and prioritization of reducing burdens in disadvantaged and environmental justice communities, are realized. The IPA is well-equipped to include such qualitative priorities in the analysis of energy modeling results and identification of potential policy solutions.

The Illinois Power Agency supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)** application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

IDOT plays an important role in reducing emissions from the transportation sector and is taking a number of steps to implement sustainability initiatives. IDOT has set a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from on-road transportation by 2.6% between 2022 and 2026. The department's Carbon Reduction Strategy identifies priority strategies for reducing transportation emissions, including from freight transportation. The 2023 Illinois State Freight Plan also commits to reducing the environmental impacts of freight transportation within Illinois, including supporting deployment of zero emission medium and heavy duty vehicles.

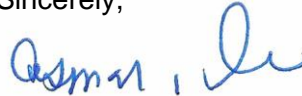
IDOT will support the implementation of the projects outlined in this application by bringing its expertise and experience in freight planning and capabilities related to transportation emissions modeling. Working with other state agencies and key stakeholders, this application will allow the state to achieve substantial community air quality benefits and complement existing IDOT programs such as the Carbon Reduction Program, National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, and emerging work related to reducing emissions from transportation construction and materials.

Mr. J.C. Kibbey, IEPA
March 26, 2024
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IDOT supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Omer M. Osman, P.E.
Secretary



JB Pritzker, Governor
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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture ("IDOA") supports this application by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. IDOA has given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

IDOA has a long history of implementing low- and no-till and cover crop incentive programs that sequester carbon naturally in the state's soils, such as the Fall Covers for Spring Savings program. The demand for these programs exceeds the program's current limits and we hope to be able to expand the program for Illinois farmers.

As a recipient of sub-award funding under the application, IDOA would use its current program structure, The Partners for Conservation Program, to administer the delivery of practices to help reduce greenhouse gas admission. The Department of Agriculture will coordinate with Illinois' Environmental Protection Agency and other state agencies on the design and implementation of the suite of proposed programs, to ensure they are accessible to the agricultural sector and rural communities, in addition to administering its own programs directly targeting agricultural producers.

IDOA's involvement and support is critical to ensuring that the proposed programs are designed so that the agricultural sector can access them effectively and to bringing the benefits of the proposed programs to rural Illinois communities, and IDOA looks forward to working with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to effectuate its goals under this grant application, if it is successful.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Costello II
Director



March 29, 2024

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J.C. Kibbey – Climate Advisor

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RE: Letter of Support for Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application

Dear Mr. Kibbey,

On behalf of Rivian, we are pleased to offer this Letter of Support for the State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2017, Rivian purchased and began to retrofit an old Mitsubishi factory in Normal, IL. Since then, we have grown to become the largest automotive manufacturer in the state. Rivian employs around 9,000 team members in Normal between the manufacturing plant and supporting warehouses—and over 16,000 employees in the United States. Within the first two years of production, Rivian manufactured and delivered over 75,000 of its first generation vehicles (Class 2B zero-emission, all electric pickups, SUVs, and delivery vans in partnership with Amazon). In addition to vehicles, Rivian manufactures purpose-built DC Fast chargers to support its nationwide Adventure Network that connects drivers to end destinations.

In Illinois, Rivian found a home and partner in our mission to transform transportation and Keep the World Adventurous Forever. The State of Illinois has made strides in addressing the growing climate emergency, committing to meet the goals set by the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. The State is aligned with Rivian's goal to pursue carbon neutrality and understands the need for cross-sector transformation. **The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further toward broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the state's economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.**

Critically, the proposed program addresses key barriers to adoption of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, which are responsible for an overwhelming portion of transportation-related GHG emissions. For these reasons and more, **Rivian supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in this application.**

Sincerely,

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Maura Freeman
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Rivian

March 28, 2024

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Dear, Mr. Kibbey -

On behalf of [The Lion Electric Co., USA](https://www.thelionelectric.com), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis by meeting the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

Lion's Commercial Development, Government Relations, and Grants teams are committed to engage with the State of Illinois to ensure that project goals meet GHG reductions by 2030, provide project recommendations that will benefit all communities across the state, and offer assistance to ensure the programs that are planned and implemented address directly the climate crisis.

Our Joliet, Illinois facility is a dedicated all-electric medium and heavy-duty commercial vehicle production plant, the largest of its kind in the United States, where we assemble vehicles with their own chassis and proprietary battery systems. It is through our mission and tech innovation that we currently have more than 1,850 vehicles on the road, with over 22 million miles driven in rural, urban, and disadvantaged communities across the nation. Sustainability is at the core of Lion's vision, and to partner with our customers as they transition from diesel-fueled vehicles to zero-emission trucks and school buses.

Lion Electric supports this application and will assist the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. If Illinois' application is successful, Lion will also continue to engage with the state agencies that will execute the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

Brian Robb
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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of Elevate Energy (Elevate), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to equitably address the climate crisis, committing to meet the Paris Climate Agreement's goals and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

Elevate is a national nonprofit whose mission is to center equity in the climate conversation and ensure that everyone has access to clean and affordable heat, power, and water in their homes and communities. For over 20 years, Elevate has been working in Illinois and the Midwest to design and implement energy efficiency, solar, building decarbonization, and workforce development projects. Elevate programs lower costs, protect the environment, and benefit Illinois residents who need them most. Elevate is working with affordable housing owners and homeowners in environmental justice and historically underserved communities to decarbonize homes and community buildings. To date, Elevate has improved nearly 240,000 units of affordable housing through our programs, created over 1,500 jobs, saved families over \$120 million and avoided over 262,000 metric tons of carbon.

As a decarbonization program implementer with deep knowledge of the Illinois housing stock and strong relationships with environmental justice and historically underserved communities, we will work to ensure those communities have input into the design and performance of the programs proposed by the Illinois CPRG Implementation Grant proposal. We will also share our technical expertise and best practices with program planners as they seek input into program design. Elevate's deep implementation experience within communities in Illinois will be critical to effectively reach the GHG emission reduction goals of CPRG program while achieving substantial community benefits.



Elevate supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. If Illinois' application is successful, will look forward to continuing to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

Anne Evens
Chief Executive Officer
Elevate Energy



March 25, 2024

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

The ICJC is made up of hundreds of environmental advocacy organizations, businesses, community leaders, consumer advocates, environmental justice groups, and faith-based and student organizations working together to improve public health and the environment, protect consumers, and create equitable, clean jobs across the state. After more than three years of community organizing and policy leadership, in 2021, ICJC was instrumental in helping pass the nation-leading Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). The ICJC continues working on policy priorities to lower GHG emissions in the power, buildings and transportation sector, which includes a coalition platform to meet climate, equity and energy goals moving Illinois toward a 100% clean energy future.

The following members of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition have committed to supporting Illinois' priority measures for GHG reductions in their CPRG projects: Elevate, The Nature Conservancy, Union of Concerned Scientists, Vole Solar, Prairie Rivers Network, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Illinois Environmental Council and Faith in Place to name a few.

Illinois is well positioned to make effective use of these funds as it builds on the state's climate legislation, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA). We look forward to a successful and ongoing working relationship with the State of Illinois, as it undergoes this critical planning process and have the highest confidence that the State will be successful in creating a plan that sets Illinois up for effective action to reduce GHG by:

- 1) implementing ambitious measures to achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond,
- 2) achieving substantial community benefits, such as reduction in hazardous air pollutants, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities,

- 3) complementing other funding sources to maximize GHG reduction measures and community benefits,
- 4) pursue innovative programs that are replicable and can be scaled up across multiple jurisdictions.

All critical components to that are essential in environmental justice communities and communities experiencing lower incomes as the state advances to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals.

The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Kibbey:

On behalf of Illinois Green Alliance, I am pleased to offer this Letter of Commitment for the **State of Illinois' Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** application to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The State of Illinois has taken significant steps to address the climate crisis, committing to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and enacting the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, which commits the state to 100% carbon-free power by 2045 while also beginning to transform the buildings, transportation, and power sectors. The State's CPRG application moves Illinois further along this path to broad emissions reductions in every large-emitting sector of the Illinois economy: transportation, buildings, industry, agriculture, and power.

Illinois Green's mission is focused solely on green building design, construction, and maintenance. Our membership represents the entire spectrum of Illinois' sustainable building community, from real estate professionals, architects, engineers, and trade associations to contractors, product manufacturers, homebuilders and homeowners.

We look forward to leveraging our membership to help inform the grant's project design and implementation and expect to work closely with the grant's project team to align the education, tool, and resources we are developing through the Building Energy Resource Hub. The Hub is a critical strategy to serve building professionals necessary to meet our ambitious climate goals from the building sector.

Our experience as a convener, strong network of building industry experts, along with the outreach and engagement planned as part of the Hub project will be valuable in helping the State of Illinois more effectively deliver on the projects goals of the CPRG. In addition, we look forward to bringing our past experience in engaging and supporting buildings in disadvantaged and environmental justice communities to the project.

Illinois Green Alliance supports this application and is committed to assisting the State of Illinois in its efforts to plan and implement the programs described in its application. We have given input into the application's proposals during the stakeholder engagement process and, if Illinois' application is successful, will continue to engage with the state agencies planning and implementing the proposed programs.

Sincerely,

Brian Imus
Illinois Green Executive Director