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Jennifer:

Thank you for the conversation re: CIRDA's application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants Program.

As part of IN-CAA's mission to help the state's Community Action Agencies create upward economic mobility with training and technical assistance, I am prepared to continue our conversations re: a job training program in the area of energy efficiency/HVAC auditing and retrofitting, for the benefit of low-income and disadvantaged citizens in the counties served by both CIRDA and IN-CAA. Trail building is another potential training area.

While our experience is primarily focused on residential energy savings, we are certainly open using our experience and facilities to expand into related areas.

We all share the goal of generating good-quality jobs that lift people out of poverty while contributing to Indiana's resilience in the face of the climate crisis. I am prepared to further explore training programs through community action agencies in CIRDA's membership area, should this EPA grant be funded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Gerardot", written in a cursive style.

Ed Gerardot, Executive Director  
Indiana Community Action Association