



March 14, 2024

Jennifer Messer, Executive Director
Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA)
1 Municipal Drive
Fishers, IN 46038

Dear Ms. Messer:

I am writing on behalf of American Dairy Association Indiana Inc (ADAI), proud representatives of Indiana's dairy farm families -- providing dairy nutrition information and educating communities, families, and consumers on the importance of all things dairy. As stewards of the land, dairy farmers are known for their work in the sustainability space and for providing the most nutritious and nutrient rich foods for consumer's enjoyment. Bettering the planet and the areas in which they reside is of the utmost importance. Dairy farmers believe that initiatives that give back to communities, such as methane digesters, are a critical means of living not only for their family's success but for the areas they proudly call home.

ADAI supports and commits to collaborating with the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA) and its member communities on its proposed CPRG funded regional programs. In support of the pilot projects and programs, ADAI's administration and staff will work with CIRDA and its member communities to advance project implementation and promotion where possible and appropriate.

ADAI, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Newtrient and CIRDA are collectively working on this impactful project. Leftover food waste collected from Indianapolis sporting events, restaurants and grocery stores will be transported to an anaerobic digester on a local dairy farmer, where it will be processed with the dairy feedstock manure. This will create renewable natural gas and/or renewable electricity, which will then power local businesses and fleets in the Central Indiana area.

The opportunity to work with CIRDA and its member communities on the CPRG grant implementation provides an opportunity for ADAI to support regional collaboration in Central Indiana and establish the programmatic infrastructure to generate long term funding of projects related to energy efficiency and revitalization of green infrastructure in our communities.

The proposed regional programs not only provide an opportunity to fund transformational projects in Central Indiana, but also provide an opportunity to align our private, public, and nonprofit sectors on the environmental, economic, and public health challenges facing our region.

ADAI is excited to participate in this opportunity for our region and looks forward to the transformative impact to come.

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