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

Ms. Messer:

I am writing on behalf of Butler University, a private university located five miles north of downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. Butler University was founded in 1855 and has 5,763 students majoring in over 60 major academic fields including environmental studies, energy engineering, biological sciences, education, and business. The University recently developed a decarbonization roadmap to meet our President's Climate Leadership Commitment to be carbon neutral by 2050. This roadmap was approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2024.

Butler University supports and commits to collaborating with the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA) and its member communities on its proposed CPRG funded regional programs, including *the Regional Building and Asset Modernization Program* and the *Regional Open Space Revitalization and Connectivity Program*.

In support of the pilot projects and programs, Butler University's administration and staff will work with CIRDA and its member communities to advance project implementation and program execution where possible and appropriate.

Collaborating with CIRDA and its member communities on CPRG grant implementation provides an opportunity for Butler University 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 facilitates alignment of our private, public, and nonprofit sectors on the environmental, economic, and public health challenges facing our region.

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

Sincerely,



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