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SUBJECT: Support for the City of Jacksonville's (COJ) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application and its Proposed E-VOLT Project

To Whom It Concerns,

The Sierra Club of Northeast Florida (SCNEF) strongly supports the Northeast Florida Electric Vehicle Overhaul and Low-Emission Transit (E-VOLT) project, spearheaded by the City of Jacksonville. It reflects a collective regional effort to address climate change, enhance our regional transportation systems, and promote sustainable economic growth.

Given that transportation-related emissions account for a substantial portion of regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, it is essential to take steps to reduce these emissions. The E-VOLT project is designed to tackle these challenges by expanding mobility hubs, developing bike and pedestrian paths, and transitioning to electric vehicles (EVs) across our school districts, municipal fleets, and public transportation systems. This initiative will translate to much needed GHG emissions while enhancing the quality of life for residents through air quality improvements and reduced noise pollution.

The E-VOLT project will translate to investment in much needed EV infrastructure, such as charging stations and maintenance facilities. The project prioritizes the needs of low-income and disadvantaged communities by ensuring they have access to improved public transportation options and the associated health and economic benefits.

Our support for the E-VOLT project reflects a regional commitment to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future. We urge the EPA to consider the Northeast Florida E-VOLT project favorably and provide the necessary funding to bring this vision to life.

Sincerely,

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