



April 1, 2024

Executive Dow Constantine  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Support for King County's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue MSA (**Accelerating Equitable Building Decarbonization throughout the Building Lifecycle**)

Dear Executive Constantine:

On behalf of the below agencies, organizations, and jurisdictions, we are pleased to convey strong support for King County's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The proposal works across the building sector to decrease climate pollution, fill gaps in current state and federal programming, and increase community resilience and high-quality jobs for the most vulnerable populations in our region. Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington; the industrial sector accounts for 28% of state greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and some of the highest energy-consuming industries include cement, forest products, and glass. This proposal's work to address embodied carbon would support GHG reductions in both of these sectors.

King County has committed to develop and implement programs in a collaborative way with local partners, and to leverage existing resources and programs to support embodied carbon policy. Our staff commit to supporting this effort by working with King County and program implementation teams to:

- Support efforts for collaborative embodied carbon policy design as feasible for our staff;
- Help use existing communication channels to connect building material manufacturers to proposed embodied carbon policies to maximize public outreach;
- Align work on embodied carbon with state, regional and Federal partners

Our staff have years of expertise in policy and programs to address embodied carbon in new building construction and building material manufacturing, and are committed to helping support an equitable implementation of embodied carbon measures. King County has a strong track record of working with the state, other jurisdictions, universities, nonprofits, and community-based organizations to implement programs that benefit the region. We are committed to supporting the proposed embodied carbon program throughout the life of the grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hanna Waterstrat". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Hanna Waterstrat  
Director, State Efficiency and Environmental Performance Office