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Executive Dow Constantine
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
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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 Washington State Housing Finance Commission, I am 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, developed in consultation with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, 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. Reducing the region's emissions from the building sector will significantly reduce the state's overall GHG emissions profile and directly benefit the region's residents, which comprise over half of the state's population.

King County has committed to implementing programs in a collaborative way to ensure the benefits of this investment show up in communities across our region. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission provides financing for multifamily affordable housing and aligns with King County's goal to reduce emissions in difficult to reach sectors, including existing multifamily affordable housing properties. Washington State Housing Finance Commission staff have participated in the development of this proposal and commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by assigning staff with the relevant expertise to:

- Share subsidized multifamily building-level data to identify properties for benchmarking and technical support across the four counties included in the application.
- Connect subsidized multifamily property owners to technical assistance providers, existing and new financing sources, and grant support through direct outreach.
- Collaborate with King County staff and potential contractors to ensure subsidized multifamily property owners can access resources to reduce emissions.

King County has a strong track record of working with partner jurisdictions and utilities to implement programs that benefit the region. The Washington State Housing Finance Commission is committed to supporting these programs throughout the life of the grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Vatske". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Vatske
Multifamily Housing & Community Facilities Director