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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 Kitsap County, 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, 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. Kitsap County 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 that will:

- participate in collaborative program design, contractor selection, and project reviews;
- support program oversight by attending quarterly meetings to review progress; and
- use existing programs and staff to connect buildings in our community to these programs to maximize greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to communities.

Kitsap County staff can bring expertise in our buildings and communities to ensure program benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and actions maximize co-benefits and equity outcomes.

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

Sincerely,

Katherine T. Walters
Chair, Board of County Commissioners