



**WASHINGTON
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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 Shift Zero, Climate Solutions, and Washington Conservation Action, 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. The building sector is a major source of climate pollution in Washington and this proposal's focus on transitioning fossil fuel systems in buildings to clean electric heating systems will help change that.

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 and leverage existing programs in these sectors, including in its Strategic Climate Action Plan. We commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by working with King County and the program implementation teams to:

- Convene members of the buildings sector, policy experts, and community leaders for cross-sector collaboration supporting stakeholder input and advocacy for building decarbonization policies
- Strengthen program design by providing feedback on workforce development and equity measures
- Amplify King County's direct outreach by boosting their communications amongst our networks
- Fully leverage funding streams at the federal, state, local, and utility levels.

Our organizations represent technical, policy, and advocacy experts across climate and building sector organizations and businesses working towards a vision of zero carbon buildings for all in Washington. We have successfully advocated for millions of dollars of state investments to fund heat pump programs, clean energy retrofits for multi-family buildings, and school HVAC updates; we supported King County's strong 2018 commercial energy code that requires heat pumps in most new commercial buildings and worked with King County to advocate for clean statewide residential and commercial codes; and we supported Seattle's Building Emissions Performance Standards. And we are committed to helping ensure

benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and implementation maximizes equity outcomes.

King County has a strong track record of working with partner organizations to implement programs that benefit the region and we are committed to supporting these programs throughout the life of the grant.

Sincerely,

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