

Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge St. 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition, I am writing to express our enthusiasm for partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. We are committed to working with MA DOER in its effort to support medium- and heavy-duty fleet electrification in Massachusetts and the application's goal to equitably benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities.

While medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles in Massachusetts represent around 5% of total vehicles on the road, they contribute approximately 20% of on-road transportation greenhouse gas emissions and almost all of on road diesel particulate matter emissions. In addition, the emissions from these vehicles are inequitably concentrated in urban and low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs), disproportionately affecting the health of residents in those communities.

In the CPRG proposal, MA DOER has proposed a set of comprehensive and effective strategies that will address the many electrification challenges faced by fleets and enable the Commonwealth to achieve the substantial emissions and pollution reduction goals outlined in the application. Through enhanced electric vehicle rebates, technical and financial support for charging infrastructure, expanded fleet advisory services, LIDAC-based outreach and engagement efforts, and workforce development programs targeting training for essential electric vehicle maintenance and repair, this project, if awarded, will definitively support an accelerated transition to zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles among fleets throughout the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition's mission is to advance the Commonwealth's environment and energy security through collaboration with communities by building partnerships with both public and private stakeholders to create equitable clean transportation solutions for all. Clean Cities is dedicated to decarbonizing the transportation sector and its vision is a fully decarbonized transportation future.

The Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition will directly support both the outreach and engagement and LIDAC prioritization components of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of commitments, including:

- Leverage Clean Cities connections across the Commonwealth to market all facets of the program relevant to public, private, and non-profit entities through targeted stakeholder outreach/introductions.
- Utilize the online MACCC newsletter to conduct public outreach on an online platform.
- Assist in planning in-person events, workshops, and online webinars regarding the CPRG program on an as needed basis.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. The Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition is excited about the possibility of joining MA DOER to implement this important and far-reaching program. As evidenced by its oversight of the MOR-EV medium- and heavy-duty rebate program, as well as other related programs, we believe MA DOER has demonstrated a clear ability to manage this CPRG grant and all its components. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Jenkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Zachary" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Jenkins".

Zachary Jenkins

Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition Program Director