



Elizabeth Mahony  
Commissioner  
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources  
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Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) 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.

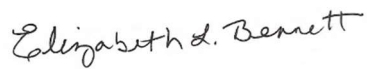
DESE is responsible for all public school services in the Commonwealth from pre-k to high school, and no-cost basic educational services for adults in Massachusetts. In addition to traditional schooling, ESE provides services for students, families, and educators including special needs accommodations, professional development, career-connected learning, college and career readiness, and alternative schooling. DESE will directly support the career-connected learning and workforce development component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of commitments, including:

- Partner with MA DOER to develop a grant program for 3-5 career technical education (CTE) schools with an existing automotive technology program to create an electric vehicle curriculum for medium duty vehicles and support critical equipment needs necessary to launch an EV program.
- Work with MA DOER to outline the scope of the grant program and the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated.

- Oversee the grant process, receive proposals, and work with DOER and other project partners to determine which CTE schools should receive funding.
- Manage the distribution of funds, serve as primary liaison between DOER and schools, and coordinate any required reporting.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education 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 cursive script that reads "Elizabeth L. Bennett".

Elizabeth L. Bennett  
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