

March 27, 2024

Metroplan
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director
501 W. Markham St., Ste. B
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Letter of Commitment for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

This letter is intended to express the Little Rock Regional Chamber's commitment to supporting the workforce development and economic growth goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

The coalition partners, Metroplan, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and City of Fort Smith have collaborated to develop a strategy to reduce pollutant emissions, create jobs, reduce energy consumption and improve livability in the three largest Metropolitan areas of Arkansas. This is an extraordinary opportunity to demonstrate the value of coordination among regional entities to raise sustainability principles across the entire state of Arkansas.

As the principal business-driven leadership organization for the Little Rock region, we work across multiple counties to foster economic development and work directly with Metroplan to support regional goals and an improved quality of life for all residents.

Arkansas boasts abundant environmental assets, including pristine forests, waterways, and diverse ecosystems. Protecting these natural treasures ensures they can be enjoyed by future generations. Additionally, the environmental sector offers immense potential for high-quality jobs. Investing in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and conservation initiatives creates employment opportunities for the citizens of the region.

We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts, and we appreciate your continued work.

Sincerely,



Jay Chesshir
President & CEO