



FROM THE DESK OF
MAYOR, **FRANK SCOTT, JR.**

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

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

Dear Mr. Covington:

The City of Little Rock is committed to supporting the energy efficiency and environmental conservation 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 Arkansas's capital and its largest city, our municipal government works directly with Metroplan to support regional economic development and quality of life for its residents. It is our mission to create a city where environmental sustainability, economic vitality, and social equity intersect to foster a vibrant and inclusive community where all residents can live, work, and thrive. We have a strong commitment to sustainability, collaborative partnerships, a track record of success, qualified staff expertise, community engagement and support, and a strategic vision for a more resilient community for generations to come.

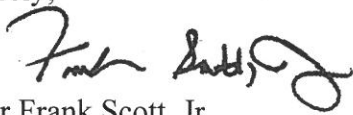
In partnership with Metroplan, Little Rock will work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and provide energy and transportation cost savings by converting city operations to 100% Clean Energy by 2030, including a 4.9 megawatt solar development project, transitioning at least 50% of the City's fleet being electric vehicles by 2030, and replanting thousands of trees in 2024 that were destroyed by a devastating tornado in March 2023.

Air quality is a pressing concern in our City, with pollutants impacting public health. By curbing greenhouse gas emissions, we can mitigate these adverse effects. Also, our efforts must extend beyond environmental conservation. Low-income and disadvantaged communities often bear the brunt of pollution. These vulnerable populations deserve equitable access to clean air, safe water,

and green spaces. By prioritizing emission reduction, we uplift these communities and promote environmental justice.

I appreciate your dedication to implementing greenhouse gas reduction projects across Arkansas' three largest metro areas. We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to protect the Natural State and ensure environmental and economic benefits to over one half of Arkansas' population, including some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Scott, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Frank Scott, Jr.
City of Little Rock