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Metroplan
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director
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RE: Letter of Commitment for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

This letter is intended to express the City of North Little Rock's commitment to supporting the goals outlined in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application. Metroplan is recognized as a leader in regional transportation and sustainability planning within Central Arkansas and this grant proposal expands upon its past success.

The City of North Little Rock is currently working to complete the Levy Trail along Pike Avenue, connecting the Levy Community and adjacent LIDAC communities with the Arkansas River Trail and its connection to the economic centers of North Little Rock and Little Rock. The Green Network components of the grant will facilitate additional connections to LIDAC neighborhoods (and the planned extension of the River Trail to Maumelle). Preservation of these natural areas is critical to the overall goals of the city and the CPRG program.

The City of North Little Rock is committed to building efficiency within its new buildings and updates to existing buildings as opportunities occur. The City of North Little Rock Electric Department will participate in the streetlight conversions to LED program.

This coalition of Metroplan, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and City of Fort Smith demonstrates the value of Arkansas Metropolitan Areas working together to maintain the Natural State and address the environmental and air quality challenges it faces. We are thrilled to be able to participate in this grant program and appreciate the lead that Metroplan has taken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Terry C. Hartwick'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Terry' being more prominent.

Terry C. Hartwick
Mayor