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March 28, 2024

Mr. Michael S. Regan
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
William Jefferson Clinton Bldg.
Room: EPA East Room 1309
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Regan,

Reference is made to Metroplan's proposed application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. Metroplan, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), and the City of Fort Smith plan to submit a Tri-Regional application to demonstrate the value of coordination among regional entities across the state of Arkansas.

The CPRG funding will permit Metroplan to build upon the green transportation networks for each region, along with transportation and building efficiency improvements in central Arkansas, northwest Arkansas, and Fort Smith. The CPRG funding will support job creation and economic development within each region while supporting livability and protecting Arkansas' natural environment.

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) supports Metroplan, NWARPC, and the City of Fort Smith's application through the CPRG program as a potential funding source to help implement this important project. If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorie H. Tudor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lorie H. Tudor, P.E.
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