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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 strong, long-term commitment of the Pulaski County Energy Improvement District to supporting the building efficiency and environmental justice goals outlined in the Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation application.

The Pulaski County Energy Improvement District was established under Arkansas Act 1074 of 2013 to operate a Property Assessed Clean Energy finance program within Pulaski County. The Pulaski County program is one of a handful established in the State, and the only one to successfully fund PACE projects. To date, three high profile/high budget projects have been funded and completed. However, our program's usefulness has been limited because funding is lacking for small projects with PACE budgets below \$400,000. The experience of our team in completing the three projects, plus familiarity with the market need make us well-qualified to take on additional energy efficiency projects with CPRG funding.

Pulaski County PACE will partner with Metroplan to design, promote, and administer the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Revolving Loan Fund project included in the Energy and Environment Innovation for the Natural State CPRG implementation application. This project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and provide energy cost savings in Arkansas' largest metro area by 1) expanding the program's reach to other counties in the region, and 2) providing a ready source of funding for projects that are smaller than the market is willing to fund. Many such projects are in low-income, disadvantaged communities with a ready supply of commercial buildings and neighborhood commercial districts that would benefit from an energy retrofit.

I appreciate our inclusion in the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application. We are eager to participate in the coalition's efforts to deliver environmental and economic benefits to some of our most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,



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