

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are pleased to express our support for the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's ("Coalition") proposal submitted by Metroplan to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. Metroplan, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and the City of Fort Smith have partnered in a concerted effort to reduce pollutant emissions, create jobs, spur economic growth, and save energy costs within the three largest Metropolitan Areas of Arkansas.

Metroplan and the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission are the Metropolitan Planning Organizations for Central and Northwest Arkansas. With the addition of the City of Fort Smith, the Coalition's presents a unique opportunity for coordination across the state to achieve meaningful and lasting decarbonization impacts in the transportation and building sectors. As we understand, the Coalition's proposal includes incentivizing solar panel installation to benefit public housing residents, installing a geothermal HVAC facility at the Little Rock National Airport, adding carbon-sequestering vegetation to open spaces, EV charging availability, and more.

As the Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition works to promote sustainable practices and improve quality of life in these regions, we hope you will share our belief that this project will provide a great benefit to Arkansans. We ask that you give this application all due consideration during the review process, and please keep us apprised of its status.

We are grateful for the assistance your office provides to the state of Arkansas.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
U.S. Senator



Tom Cotton
U.S. Senator



Eric A. "Rick" Crawford
Member of Congress



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Bruce Westerman
Member of Congress



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