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Phil Roos, Director
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
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Subject: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 58 Support the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

We, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 58, affirm our partnership with the State of Michigan and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. We are pleased to endorse Michigan's objective to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ambitiously site renewable energy in Michigan through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. Under EGLE's proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program, the Renewables Ready Communities Awards and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will unlock significant GHG emissions in the near term, provide substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and improve capacity and technical expertise in renewable energy siting statewide.

Through the CPRG grant program, we anticipate collaborating with EGLE on workforce programming including pre-apprenticeship, work-based learning, career pathway mapping and increased connectivity to established electrical apprenticeships need to implement the proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program. We understand that EGLE and the State of Michigan will continue to partner with labor organizations including unions and workers' rights groups to develop best practices that lift up Michigan Workers, families and businesses.

To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support for community education and outreach, workforce development and outreach, career pathway mapping and industry expertise.

Given the State's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application. Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the State's climate objectives.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Michigan to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

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