



Citizens' Climate Lobby
Michigan

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Phil Roos
Director
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Subject: Clean Energy, Environmental and Health Organizations Support the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

We, Citizens' Climate Lobby, MI, affirm our support of 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 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.

Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the State's climate objectives.

To help ensure these goals are met, our support extends to assisting with public education and outreach regarding these programs, as our organization does extensive grassroots outreach and education through tabling, presentations, and meetings with community members and leaders. In addition, our organization is part of the statewide coalition, Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs, which is focused on transitioning our state to 100% clean energy, leading to more well-paying jobs that don't require a college degree, cleaner air for the communities most impacted by pollution, and more affordable electricity for Michigan families.

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

Sincerely,

Linda Racine, Co-Chair
Citizens' Climate Lobby Michigan