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Phil Roos

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

Subject: The Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights Supports the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

We, the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights (MRCC), 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.

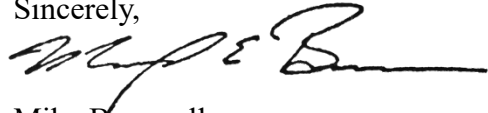
Through the CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with EGLE on workforce development and apprenticeship programs needed to supply the trained workforce that will be needed to implement the proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program. We also understand EGLE and the State of Michigan 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, we are committed to recruiting workers from diverse backgrounds and providing the tuition-free training required for them to participate in and benefit from the market opportunities for carpenters, millwrights and solar installers created by the grant program.

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.

Our organization's mission is to recruit, train and support the men and women who work as carpenters, millwrights, floor layers, pile drivers, and solar installers across Michigan. We have been involved in developing the renewable energy sector by supporting projects, providing a skilled workforce for solar projects already in progress, and developing up-to-date training curriculum to ensure projects are carried out safely and efficiently.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Barnwell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Barnwell

President

Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights