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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,

The Michigan Conservative Energy Forum affirms 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 program. EGLE's Renewables Ready Communities Awards and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will spur significant emission-free energy development, 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 the State through our unparalleled Land & Liberty Coalition® program to facilitate the siting of large-scale wind and solar projects. Land & Liberty has worked on renewable siting in hundreds of local jurisdictions during nearly 6 years of highly-targeted community activism. In particular, the Renewable Ready awards will offer a tremendous boost to our ongoing field work. Given the years of thwarted renewable energy development in Michigan, this program will represent a critical turning point toward success.

Given the State's history of implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in its 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 is part of the statewide coalition Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs, which is focused on transitioning our state to 100% clean energy, leading to more good-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.

MICEF is "all-in" on renewable energy development and enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Michigan to advance the clean, renewable energy goals of this program.

Sincerely,

Edward Rivet II
Executive Director