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

Subject: Michigan Manufacturers Association Support 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 Manufacturers Association, 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 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 the State to encourage members to submit a proposal for the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering our members support and education on the opportunities made available by the state and federal government to utilize brownfield property for renewable energy projects.

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 serve as a unifying champion of an industry that is in constant evolution and growth. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our legacy champions of industry and our next generation of innovators are collaborating to drive Michigan into a future that will continue to shape our collective fortunes, our state's economy, the communities we serve, our individual businesses, and our families' livelihoods. As such, we look forward to our continued partnership with EGLE in utilizing remediated brownfield sites for all economic development opportunities, including shaping our energy landscape.

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,



Caroline Liethen  
Director of Environmental and Regulatory Policy  
Michigan Manufacturers Association