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

Subject: Michigan Laborers' District Council 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 Laborers District Council, 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.

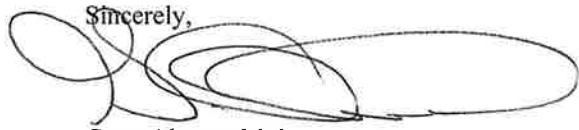
Through the CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with EGLE on workforce development and apprenticeship programs needed to implement the proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program / understand EGLE and the State of Michigan will continue to partner with labor organizations including unions and workers' rights groups to develop best practices that lift up Michigan workers, families, and businesses. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support in ensuring that Michigan has the necessary skilled tradespeople needed to meet the ever growing infrastructure and energy needs of our state.

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.

Meeting the goals laid out in the recently passed climate and siting legislation will be an ambitious lift, but with continued collaboration between all levels of government and the unionized construction industry, we are confident these goals can be achieved. If Michigan were to receive these grants, it would supercharge the number of our members working on renewable energy and battery storage projects.

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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