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Phil Roos
Director
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
525 West Allegan Street
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Subject: Consumers Energy Support for the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant
General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Director Roos,

On behalf of Consumers Energy, I am pleased to express our support for the State of Michigan and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. As one of Michigan's largest energy providers, we are committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ambitiously siting renewable energy in Michigan aided by the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

Consumers Energy is proud to be leading our State's clean energy transformation. Our Clean Energy Plan, approved by state regulators in 2022, put us on a path to dramatically reduce GHG emissions achieving net-zero emissions by 2040 and deploy nearly 8,000 MWs of solar energy. In 2023, Michigan policymakers set new, aggressive renewable energy and clean energy targets that position our State to be a national leader in transitioning our energy supply. Achieving these goals will require a significant expansion of renewable development in the coming years and the CPRG program will provide essential resources to help meet these goals.

EGLE's proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program, the Renewables Ready Communities Awards, and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will provide valuable tools to help unlock significant GHG emissions reductions 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.

We commit to collaborating with the State, local communities, and other stakeholders, through CPRG grant program period, to ensure resources are deployed in a manner that will help speed the deployment of renewable energy and storage resources. Given the State's commitment to implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application.

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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