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

Subject: City of Ann Arbor's 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 City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 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 CPRG grant program period, we anticipate collaborating with the State to deliver increased access to solar projects, financial benefits, grid resilience, and cost-effective energy solutions, including investments in workforce development and entrepreneurship initiatives in low-income and disadvantaged communities as well as on local brownfields throughout our community. We anticipate that the city will submit proposals for the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program and support our residents with pursuing other opportunities afforded through the State's CPRG programs. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support in outreach, engagement, and education about CPRG opportunities for our residents and businesses.

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.

In Ann Arbor, we have even bolder climate commitments – achieving a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by the year 2030. And we know that collaboration with our peers at the State is essential to achieving our audacious, aggressive, and scientifically necessary local goals. That is why we are committed to working with the State of Michigan, other local governments, nonprofits, and others in the State to ensure everyone has access to the clean energy revolution.

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.



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