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March 12, 2024

Phil Roos

Director

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

525 West Allegan Street

Lansing, MI 48933

Subject: GVMC Support the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

Grand Valley Metro Council 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. 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.

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.

GVMC has been collaborating with EGLE through the CPRG Planning Grants process, and the partnership has greatly benefited the Grand Rapids-Kentwood MSA. We look forward to collaborating with EGLE throughout the CPRG Implementation Grant process.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Weiss", is written over a blue circular stamp.

John Weiss

Executive Director