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Phil Roos  
Director  
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
525 West Allegan Street  
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Subject: Michigan Chamber of Commerce 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 Chamber of Commerce 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 emissions benefits 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 help address barriers to renewable energy deployment and provide the necessary technical assistance in support of communities hosting this critical energy infrastructure. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support and collaboration to successfully carry put the goals of this program.

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.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce represents over 5,000 company and organization members in every corner of the state, employing well over one million Michiganders. We believe in pursuing policies and initiatives that protect and improve the environment to make Michigan a better place to work, live and play.

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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