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

Subject: Clean Energy, Environmental and Health Organizations Support the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application, (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

Evergreen Collaborative 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 (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 the State to conduct outreach on the Renewable Ready through our communication channels and campaign efforts. To help ensure these goals are met, our commitment extends to offering support in helping launch navigator programs and events with community organizations in the state to increase awareness about clean energy grant and rebate opportunities for Michigan residents.

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.

Our organization is part of the statewide coalition Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs, which is focused on transitioning our state to 100% clean energy, leading to more good-paying jobs that don't require a college degree, cleaner air for the communities most impacted by pollution, and more affordable electricity for Michigan families. Last year, we released a report with partners that analyzed the economic, health and

climate benefits of renewable and clean energy projects in the state. Our research emphasizes how important federal funding from programs like the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants are to making electricity more affordable, reducing pollution, creating good-paying jobs in the state, and reaching Michigan's climate goals.

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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