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Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

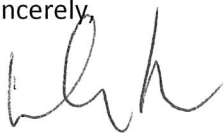
I write to confirm that the City of Burnsville is a part of the coalition proposal on the Twin Cities Commercial Energy Efficiency Program being submitted by the City of Minneapolis as the lead entity for the proposal. Upon approval of this grant application, the City Council will take formal consideration of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) when appropriate based on EPA timelines.

As part of the coalition, we will communicate programming to help businesses and non-profits in our community complete planning and work to decarbonize buildings through energy efficiency and electrification. Sustainability is one of six strategic priorities for the City of Burnsville, and we have an ambitious Sustainability Plan to reduce emissions across our City that was adopted in 2020. We are currently finalizing our Energy Action Plan that was developed as a partnership with City staff, residents, and our four utilities. The plan includes detailed actions and strategies to increase energy efficiency and reduce emissions across the City, and we anticipate adoption in the next few months.

This Twin Cities Commercial Energy Efficiency Program will advance our goals and include businesses in the important work on energy efficiency and decarbonization to help them thrive in our City and region, in particular businesses in the City's Justice 40 and disadvantaged areas, which include about 50% of our City's census tracts.

We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this coalition and the EPA's consideration of the grant application.

Sincerely,



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