

March 12, 2024

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Duluth Landlord Association's Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

I write to affirm that we, Duluth Landlord Association, plan to partner with the State of Minnesota and City of Duluth to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways that emerge out of the development of the proposed work and make sense for our organization.

Duluth Landlord Association is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to educate, support and advocate for housing providers in the Twin Ports and Greater Minnesota area. In particular, our organization can bring the perspective of landlords, property managers, contractors, developers, Realtors®, and more through the diverse professional background of our membership.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization working most effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments. Local government connect more effectively with individual community members to move forward on individual implementation while state government can more effectively provide backbone support and programming to foster learning and scale impact.

We have worked with the City of Duluth, who is a coalition partner in the proposal. We have partnered with the City of Duluth in the past in helping the community and housing providers understand new and proposed Ordinance changes, improving and evaluating regulations around housing and/or licensing issues, offering a wide variety of housing-related educational materials and resources to housing providers and the community, and we are actively engaged in working with the City to expand housing

options and improve our current housing stock across the area. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brittany Kuschel". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brittany" and last name "Kuschel" written in a single continuous line.

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