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Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Subject: Greater Minnesota Housing Fund Support for 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 support and be a partner with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MN Housing, Commerce, and other state agencies involved in the proposal, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We are excited to have this proposal moving forward because we see the work of residential decarbonization happening most effectively as a collaboration between state, local governments, intermediaries, and community-based groups. Greater Minnesota Housing Fund works in all 87 counties providing critical financing to advance affordable housing for low-income people and communities. We are beginning to integrate decarbonization and climate action in our existing work the already provides affordable housing to low-income and disadvantaged communities. Minnesota will need partners in the state government to serve as backbone support and programming to foster industry learning and scaled impact on communities we serve.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to 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:

- Participate in Annual "Stock Taking" events described in the proposal.
- Sharing information and resources from state and local government with developers and communities we serve to build awareness that advances building decarbonization opportunities.
- Provide feedback to state and local program staff to ensure programs are responsive and continue to improve over time.
- Contribute in other ways that emerge out of the development of the proposed work and align with our organizational mission.

Sincerely

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