



March 6, 2024

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

Subject: MnCIFA'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:

The Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (MnCIFA) intends to partner with our fellow state agencies involved in the proposal, particularly the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

MnCIFA was created by the Minnesota legislature in 2023 with the purpose of accelerating the adoption of proven clean energy technology and greenhouse gas reduction projects, to expand access to untapped markets and to bring benefits to historically underserved communities. Our enabling statute requires that MnCIFA show that at least 40% of the benefits derived from our activities go to environmental justice communities. We are excited about MPCA's proposal for equitable residential decarbonization because we see it as strongly aligning with our purpose and that it will assist us in reaching our mandated objectives.

In particular, we will be an active partner in the planning process to sustain the progress on equitable residential decarbonization beyond the 5-year funding period of CPRG. We expect we could play a role in determining and supporting strategies that leverage additional financing for equitable residential projects across Minnesota. In addition, we plan to:

- 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.

Getting to the goal of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota, in an equitable way, will take significant focused and sustained effort by multiple partners. MnCIFA stands ready to bring our financing expertise and capabilities, in leveraging all participant's inputs, to maximize the ultimate impact of our efforts.

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We strongly support the MPCA CPRG proposal for equitable residential decarbonization and hope EPA will fund the proposal.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter M. Klein", with a stylized, flowing script.

PETER M. KLEIN

Executive Director