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

Subject: Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP) 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 SWMHP plans to partner with the State of Minnesota and Region Nine Development Commission 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.

SWMHP is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to partner with communities to develop places for people to call home. In particular, our organization can bring connections to families in the region that desire access to safe, stable and healthy housing, and who would benefit from home decarbonization opportunities.

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, local governments and the non-profit sector. SWMHP has a strong history in partnering with 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 successfully with Region Nine, who is a coalition partner in the proposal, on several initiatives over the past couple of decades. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,



Chad M. Adams
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Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

