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

Subject: Rondo Community Land Trust 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 the Rondo Community Land Trust plans to partner with the State of Minnesota and the City of Saint Paul 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.

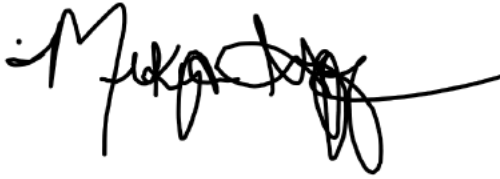
Rondo Community Land Trust is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission to strengthen and preserve communities by providing and advocating for permanently affordable, sustainable housing. In particular, our organization can bring the perspective of having successfully supported affordable homeownership in Ramsey County for 30+ years, having a rich network of local community members we work with, and a strong staff with a wide array of skillsets, including community engagement.

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 connects 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 Saint Paul to identify the opportunity to work to decarbonize the 65+ homes in Saint Paul where the Land Trust is the landholder. We have partnered with the City of Saint

Paul throughout our history on several initiatives to ensure housing affordability, including rehab on existing homes. Recently, we partnered on their Inheritance Fund by leading the verification process for displaced descendants of Rondo. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,

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