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Katrina Kessler, Commissioner  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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Subject: WETCC 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 White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) plans to partner with the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in this proposal.

We are excited to have this proposal move forward as a coalition because we see the work of residential decarbonization happening effectively as a collaboration between state and local governments with support from community-based groups. The coalition can connect with community members on individual implementation and state government can provide backbone support and programming.

We plan to participate in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to ensure low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, we will:

- Actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal.
- Share information and resources from state and local government with our campus community to build program awareness and home decarbonization opportunities.
- Share information from the communities we serve with state program staff and the coalition as part of program development and to improve programming and results.
- Facilitate the training of skilled workers to create a labor force to decarbonized homes.
- Connect people who complete the training with public and private entities performing work that would lead to decarbonization.

Equitable residential decarbonization work aligns with our mission to provide academic excellence grounded in Anishinaabe culture, values, and traditions. WETCC brings to this project expertise in education and training and a connection to Reservation communities through our students and staff.

Sincerely,

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