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

Subject: Tri County Community Action Partnership 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 we Tri County Community Action Partnership plan to partner with the State of Minnesota and **Region Five 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.

Tri County Community Action Partnership is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to engage the entire community to listen to and partner with low-income individuals and families to expand their opportunities to move out of economic poverty and toward prosperity. In particular, our organization employs targeted outreach programs to engage low-income families. We offer financial assistance, education, and advocacy to ensure equitable access to housing resources. By empowering these families, we aim to improve living standards and strengthen communities across our three counties.

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 governments 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 with **Region Five Development Commission** who is a coalition partner in the proposal. We plan to partner and agencies will collaborate through frequent meetings to identify low-income families. They'll leverage existing housing initiatives, enhancing weatherization efforts with additional resources, aiming to make homes more carbon-neutral and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely

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