



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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March 18, 2024

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Governor support of the State Minnesota's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write to you to express my enthusiastic support of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal on equitable residential decarbonization.

The Minnesota REACH Homes initiative centers the values of **Resilience, Equity, Affordability, Carbon-free, and Health**. Our goal is to REACH every home so that every resident of Minnesota lives in a resilient, clean, healthy home that is affordable to operate, regardless of individual financial circumstance. CPRG funding will lay a strong foundation to make the path to this goal possible and equitable.

This work, in partnership with a coalition of 5 cities, 3 regional development organizations, and 3 tribes, all supported by 4 State agencies, has a strong focus on equity and statewide partnership. The proposal aligns with my work to promote a vision of One Minnesota, and of making Minnesota the best state in the nation in which to raise children.

The proposal builds on years of climate leadership in my administration and across the executive branch. In 2019, I signed Executive Order 19-37 on Climate Change, which established a Climate Change Subcabinet and directed agencies to collaborate to act on the existential crisis that is climate change. Since the signing of the Executive Order, our state agencies have been extensively collaborating to embed climate action across the work of our enterprise. This history of collaboration provides a strong foundation on which our agencies will collaborate to implement this grant proposal if awarded.

In 2022, Minnesota's state agencies published the collaboratively developed Minnesota Climate Action Framework. The Framework establishes a vision for climate action that will make Minnesota carbon-neutral, resilient, and equitable. These three co-equal pillars of Minnesota's Framework guide our collaborative climate work. Our Priority Climate Action Plan was built off of that foundation. This proposal connects strongly with the ambitions in those documents and will help us achieve our vision.

I am enthusiastic about this interagency collaboration to advance our shared climate goals and the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ambitious and vital CPRG program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor