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To: US Environmental Protection Agency

Subject: Letter of Intent for Mississippi State University for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

I am writing on behalf of Mississippi State University (MSU) to express our intent to participate in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, authorized and appropriated under the Inflation Reduction Act. This initiative, titled the CLEAN AIR MISSISSIPPI PROJECT (CAMP): Emissions Reduction Implementation Grant, will be undertaken in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as coalition partners to effectively administer the program. Our collective efforts aim to leverage this award towards implementing a diverse array of projects focused on emissions reduction and sustainable practices across Mississippi. If awarded, MSU and MDEQ will formalize this agreement under a Memorandum of Understanding between our institutions and work tirelessly to implement the projects we describe in our proposal.

The project list under CAMP includes innovative and demonstrative initiatives like Seagrass Restoration in the Mississippi Sound, Portable Biochar Production for Forest Restoration and Carbon Management, Forest Infrastructure to Measure and Monitor Forest and Agricultural Carbon and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, and many others designed to address climate change impacts directly. These projects are set to showcase sustainable solutions ranging from advanced carbon sequestration methods in agriculture and forestry to the deployment of renewable energy sources and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. By integrating demonstration projects and public engagement, these initiatives are poised to significantly contribute to reducing GHG emissions, enhancing carbon sequestration, and promoting climate-smart agricultural practices among other critical environmental benefits.

Please direct any inquiries or require further information regarding our application to Austin Check at Austin.Check@msstate.edu or contact via phone at 662-325-9263. Our mailing address for correspondence is 301 Research Blvd, Starkville, MS 39759. We appreciate the Environmental Protection Agency's consideration of our application and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the national efforts in climate pollution reduction.

Respectfully,

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