



March 27, 2024

Dear Reviewers:

I am writing to express our strong support for the Clean Air Mississippi Project (CAMP) proposal submitted by Mississippi State University, as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.

The T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability (TKMC) provides services across the rural state of Mississippi to meet the needs of persons with disabilities from birth through the end of life. Our comprehensive and multidisciplinary team provides assistive technology evaluations and trainings, psychological and behavioral health services, adapted driving evaluations and drivers training, early intervention programming services for your youngest Mississippians in need, and many more programs based on client need. We serve all 82 counties in Mississippi and bring our services directly to the client, either in their home, school, place of employment, or community location.

At present our fleet of vehicles are internal combustion engines that travel daily across our state, racking up thousands of miles each week. If the CAMP project were funded, the TKMC would replace two of our internal combustion engine vehicles with two electric SUVs, greatly reducing our harmful impact on our climate, while also introducing to our clients to electric vehicles (EV). Within our adapted driving program, persons with disabilities who may drive with adapted equipment (such as using hand controls with paralysis) may begin driving for the first time with an EV, based on their evaluation and training in our EV.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this exciting proposal and hope that we can continue to improve our environment and climate through the CAMP Proposal.

Sincerely,

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