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Re: Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)  
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

Dear Grant Proposal Review Panel,

I write this letter in support of the interdisciplinary team at Mississippi State University assembled to submit an Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). We believe the proposed demonstration projects and collaborative efforts will actively address climate pollution reduction strategies by engaging many different segments of our communities, stakeholders and potential partners through the activities outline in the proposal. The jointly identified projects are primed for execution and will serve as exemplary demonstrations of the grant's objectives. Without a doubt, the myriad of projects will intersect with one another to more clearly demonstrate how climate pollution can be reduced. I highly encourage you to fund this grant proposal and I fully support the innovative team assembled for this effort.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES) at Mississippi State University recognizes that we can only achieve excellence in our programming, and in our contributions to society, if our work reflects and represents forward thinking principles that will result in a sustainable future. I wholeheartedly believe that the principal investigators and the various departments and units on this grant proposal will strive to complete the objectives in a proactive way in keeping with the spirit and intention of this EPA program. I will bring to bear the full resources and capabilities of my office in partnership with this funded effort to assure its success. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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