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Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division  
29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Community Action of Strafford County is committed to assisting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) with the proposed pre-weatherization weatherization measure that is included in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. This five-year measure will create incentives for New Hampshire's homeowners to pre-weatherize and weatherize existing residential buildings to improve energy efficiency, which will reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions from fossil-fuel and electricity consumption at those buildings.

CAPSC is the primary conduit of energy efficiency funding for low-income households in Strafford County. Our partnerships include NH Department of Energy, Eversource, Northern Utilities, New Hampshire Electric Coop and the cities of Rochester and Dover. CAPSC has delivered over \$2m in energy efficiency work over the past 12 months. This work included insulation, air sealing, heating system upgrades and air-source heat pump conversions. CAPSC is staffed with three certified Energy Auditors and one Quality Control Inspector.

Pre-weatherization of residential buildings will allow previously or potentially deferred income-eligible households to access incentives from state and federal weatherization and electrification programs. Reasons for deferral from existing programs include deficiencies in the building structure, presence of asbestos-containing materials, and inadequate electrical or plumbing systems. Once those types of deficiencies are addressed, households will be able to take advantage of weatherization and electrification incentive programs, including the weatherization program proposed by NHDES in its application. NHDES's weatherization measure will provide incentives to upgrade the insulation envelope and HVAC systems of residential buildings to improve energy efficiency, health, safety, and comfort, while also providing cost-effective energy savings.

CAPSC is aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed program to advance environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. Because of our experience providing education, advocacy, and assistance to people in Strafford County helping to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency.

Community Action Program of Strafford County is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the program, including connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities in Strafford County. Therefore, CAPSC agrees to work in Strafford County to support deployment and community engagement of the program.

- We agree to provide input in public comments where needed and participate in potential working groups where the program is discussed.
- We agree to support NHDES in achieving meaningful involvement from community and labor groups when our expertise and networks may be helpful.

Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to working with you on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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