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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,

New Hampshire Home Builders Association is committed to assisting the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the potential implementation of proposed measures included in the state's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and in NHDES's application for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. These five-year measures will create incentives to reduce harmful air pollution statewide, address barriers to implementation in disadvantaged communities, complement and unlock existing funding sources, and foster job growth and training in the necessary skilled trades.

In the residential building sector, the state's second highest source of GHG emissions, 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. 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 to 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.

For the workforce development sector, incentives would help reduce barriers to stimulate high-quality workforce development activities that are critical to the success of New Hampshire's other proposed measures. These funds may be used for capital improvements and increasing teaching staff at training facilities, tuition assistance, offsetting the cost of required equipment and tools for students, and offsetting the travel costs associated with attending classes and commuting to worksites for apprenticeships and internships.

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New Hampshire Home Builders Association is aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed measure(s) to advance environmental and public health issues in New Hampshire. Because of our experience providing quality housing opportunities through education, vision, and advocacy, New Hampshire Home Builders Association is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the measure(s), including connecting the benefits of the program to low-income and disadvantaged communities across NH. Therefore, New Hampshire Home Builders Association agrees to work in New Hampshire 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Mayberry'.

Matt Mayberry, Executive Vice President
NH Home Builders Association

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