

March 25, 2024

Secretary Serena McIlwain
Maryland Department of the Environment
Montgomery Park Business Center
1800 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21230

RE: Letter of Commitment for Clean Corridor Coalition (C3) (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Secretary McIlwain,

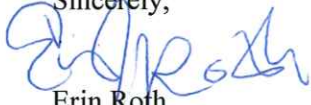
The Maryland Department of the Labor submits this letter in support of the State of New Jersey's coalition application entitled "Clean Corridor Coalition (C3)" in response to EPA's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. The Maryland Department of Labor commits to serve as a project adviser to the Maryland Department of the Environment to ensure that the zero-emission freight truck charging infrastructure projects funded by the CPRG Implementation Grant provide high labor standards and job quality for Maryland's growing pipeline of zero-emission vehicles and clean energy workforce.

This coalition proposal to the EPA's CPRG Implementation Grant, led by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, will deliver zero-emission freight truck charging infrastructure along the I-95 corridor and adjacent roadways from Connecticut to Maryland. This initial investment of funding for truck charging infrastructure would be a critical down payment for zero-emission freight movement in the participating states — Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland — and catalyze the deployment of zero-emission freight trucks in the northeast and Mid-Atlantic region.

The Maryland Department of Labor has been working alongside the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland's state agencies through Governor Moore's Federal Investment Team to ensure Maryland's climate action delivers high-quality jobs with a diverse, highly skilled workforce and supports "high road" labor practices. The Maryland Department of Labor is joining the Maryland Department of the Environment on the Maryland Commission on Climate Change's Just Transition Employment and Retraining Working Group to advise the commission on issues and opportunities for workforce development and training related to energy efficient measures, renewable energy, and other clean energy technologies, with a specific focus on training and workforce opportunities for segments of the population that may be underrepresented in the clean energy workforce, such as veterans, women, formerly incarcerated individuals, and dislocated workers affected by the downsizing of fossil fuel industries.

I am in full support of the Maryland Department of Environment in their coalition application for this funding and know that it will provide good quality jobs to a growing clean energy workforce and transform our region's ability to reach our climate goals for both GHG emissions reductions and climate justice. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I appreciate the opportunity to support this important effort.

Sincerely,



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