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To: New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
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From: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

Re: Letter of Commitment for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Greetings New Mexico Environment Department (NMED),

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS) stands in support of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) because the measure will help further NMDWS' efforts to connect fossil fuel industry professionals with apprenticeship and training opportunities in clean energy jobs, allowing the state and its workforce to seize the opportunities provided by the clean energy transition to realize a more just, dynamic, stable future for its energy workforce. NMDWS is already leading and participating in initiatives to support and retrain workers in rural communities who may be displaced due to the shifts in fossil fuel industries.

NMDWS will be directly involved with CPRG as a project partner throughout the course of the grant. NMDWS will assist in the design and performance of workforce components associated with CPRG. Through outreach, job training and apprenticeship resources, NMDWS will help create pipelines to clean energy jobs. NMDWS' commitment will allow NMED to implement the measure more effectively by providing guidance on how grant monies can complement the resources available through Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding provided by USDOL. NMDWS can further assist with grant administration by leveraging the relationships it has developed with the state's four workforce development boards (North, East, Southwest and Central), colleges and apprenticeship and professional development programs. All of these will prove vital to preparing a workforce with the staffing and skills needed to rapidly build out the infrastructure needed to meet new Mexico's ambitious goals related to building out next-generation, climate-friendly building and road infrastructure for this and future generations.

In conclusion, NMDWS urges NMED to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity to support this measure and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to award the funds to support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "SN", with a horizontal line underneath.

Sarita Nair
Cabinet Secretary