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Via email to nm.cprg@state.nm.us

March 26, 2024

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Letter of Support for the Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor, Clean Truck Incentive Program and Efficient and Clean Operation for Schools.
Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)

The Santa Fe County (County) Board of County Commissioners (Board) would like to extend its support for the Clean Truck Incentive Program, in addition to all of the measures mentioned below that are outlined in the State of New Mexico's Priority Climate Action Plan (NM PCAP).

With I-40 being a main artery for transportation of goods, the Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor as well as the Clean Truck Incentive Program would improve air quality for New Mexicans of all walks of life. Santa Fe County is home to seven Native American Pueblos as well as a number of underserved communities where cleaner air is needed most for the health of its residents as well as measurable, impactful climate action through solution focused responses to climate change.

Santa Fe County also backs the Efficient and Clean Operation for Schools initiative. This effort will help provide electric school buses and renewable energy systems for schools, providing benefit for schools throughout the state in addition to schools within Santa Fe County.

Santa Fe County's effort to create synergy with the NMED's initiatives include placing 13 charging stations at strategic locations throughout Santa Fe County. This is to be funded through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant which Santa Fe County is a chosen recipient (\$3.3M). The County's CFI related efforts toward the development of a master EV transition and infrastructure plan and implementation will serve to further compliment these initiatives.

Santa Fe County would like to continue its support for the Environment Department and urges NMED to apply for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant opportunity and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency award the funds to support New Mexico's solution-focused responses to climate change.

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This letter of support was approved by the Board at a meeting held on March 26, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hank Hughes", written in a cursive style.

Hank Hughes, Chair
Board of County Commissioners