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Basil Seggos, Commissioner
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 14th Fl
Albany, NY 12233

Dear Commission Seggos,

On behalf of the New York City Housing Authority Branch (NYCHA) of the NAACP this letter serves to express support for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program, tentatively titled "Building Community Resilience through Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions". With this Proposal, DEC, in partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from facilities and services that play key resiliency roles for New York's communities. The programs included in this proposal will not only address greenhouse gas emissions in the near- and long-term, but will also provide substantial co-benefits such as air quality improvements and health benefits, with a particular focus on public services and disadvantaged communities.

The NYCHA Branch of the NAACP is the affiliated branch of the NAACP for NYCHA Residents and Employees. Our mission is to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color. Environmental and climate justice is a civil rights issue. We all depend on the physical environment and its bounty.

Each component of this application has the potential to transform New York's communities and create lasting reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants. These proposed programs, when implemented together, will ensure that investments in emissions reductions also support more resilient public services and buildings.

The NYCHA Branch of the NAACP is pleased to see DEC and NYSERDA seamlessly incorporate resiliency into measures that reduce greenhouse gas reductions. Such focus will future-proof the places where New Yorkers get their food or access public services, and ensure that disadvantaged communities receive investments. In particular, funding heating and cooling centers not only reduces carbon emissions and improves air quality, but also meets an essential public health need as we face more extreme temperatures due to climate change.

We strongly endorse this application and look forward to seeing these programs implemented in New York State.

Sincerely,

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