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Basil Seggos  
Commissioner  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner Seggos:

On behalf of the 62 counties of the State of New York, I'm writing to express support for NYSDEC's application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

NYSDEC intends to apply for a CPRG grant to implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from facilities and services that play key resiliency roles for New York's communities, with a particular focus on public services and disadvantaged 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 public health benefits.

NYSAC supports NYSDEC's application to provide counties and other local governments with additional funding, incentives, and technical assistance for climate change mitigation projects. Examples of projects NYSDEC will be able to support with this funding include retrofitting municipal buildings to reduce emissions and investing in community-scale organic waste management solutions to divert waste from landfills.

We appreciate your consideration of NYSAC's endorsement and look forward to seeing these programs implemented in New York State.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Acquario  
Executive Director

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