

3/25/2024

Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

ANCA is an independent, nonprofit corporation with a transformational approach to building prosperity across northern New York. Using innovative strategies for food systems, clean energy, small businesses, and equity and inclusion, ANCA delivers targeted interventions that create and sustain wealth and value in local communities. ANCA's Energy Team provides technical support to North Country stakeholders through NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities and Regional Clean Energy Hub Programs as well as the inter-agency Climate Smart Communities.

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 will set the stage for how communities can effect greenhouse gas reduction locally. Developing communities and transportation options that will make residents and visitors less dependent on private vehicles will drive down near-term and long-term greenhouse gas emissions and create safer, cleaner, and more inviting neighborhoods where people can live, work, visit, shop, dine, and more.

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

Jillian Henck,

Clean Energy Program Director, ANCA





March 18, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

CenterState Corporation for Economic Opportunity (“CenterState CEO”) strongly supports NYSERDA’s application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award. NYSERDA, in partnership with the New York State Department of State (DOS), proposes to implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions and develop compact and vibrant communities that are connected to diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

CenterState CEO is Central New York’s business leadership and economic development organization, committed to creating a region where business thrives and all people prosper. Consistent with this overarching worldview, CenterState CEO views smart growth, environmental sustainability and equity as core, indispensable concepts in the holistic formula for our region’s economic growth and prosperity. Which is why we have worked closely with both NYSERDA and DOS to support and promote their many smart growth and climate initiatives. This partnership has helped Central New York grow its businesses in a sustainable way, which is particularly salient and urgent now as we plan for the development of the Micron semiconductor chip manufacturing facility in the region—the largest such facility in the United States—which will bring thousands of new jobs and households and attract numerous ancillary businesses to the area.

CenterState CEO therefore enthusiastically supports this application and stands ready to expand our partnerships with the State if this award is successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert M. Simpson'.

Robert Simpson
President/CEO
CenterState CEO



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March 21, 2024

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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the City of White Plains this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

White Plains is a diverse city of 59,500 people located just 16 miles north of New York City. White Plains is the County seat and a regional hub for retail, business and healthcare. The City has taken significant steps to prevent and reduce climate pollution. Our efforts have resulted in our attainment of Bronze status as part of the Climate Smart Communities Program.

We understand that if funded, this application would result in programs that accelerate smart growth, promote clean mobility and provide incentives for municipal medium/heavy-duty and off road zero-emission vehicles. These programs are commensurate with the City's current efforts and the additional funding would catalyze further action.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Roach
Mayor



March 19, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear President Harris:

As Executive Director of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, I am pleased to have this opportunity to write this letter of support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

The CNY RPDB currently works with local governments to reduce emissions from the transportation sector and to create walkable and bikeable connected communities. 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 will set the stage for how communities can reduce greenhouse gas reduction locally. Developing communities and transportation options that will make residents and visitors less dependent on private vehicles will drive down near-term and long-term greenhouse gas emissions and create safer, cleaner, and more inviting neighborhoods where people can live, work, visit, shop, dine, and more.

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

Please let me know if my office can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

David V. Bottar
Executive Director



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P. JOSH WILSON
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Thursday, March 21, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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RE: Support for NYSERDA CPRG Grant Application

Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the Erie County, this letter endorses NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, aimed at fostering clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) partners with public and private sector entities to enhance the quality of life for Erie County residents. It implements programs and initiatives fostering economic growth and environmental quality. These programs ensure orderly development and redevelopment, maximizing investment opportunities and the prudent use of public funds. The DEP'S areas of focus include regional planning, cultural heritage promotion, economic and community development, and environmental services.

Building on the Erie County DEP's efforts, NYSERDA's proposal presents a potential opportunity to amplify our local initiatives through state-level support. The strategic alignment between NYSERDA's objectives and Erie County's existing environmental and community development programs exemplifies a shared commitment to fostering sustainable, healthy, and accessible communities. The following examples will highlight the synergistic relationship between Erie County's own Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and the programs proposed by NYSERDA, underscoring why the Erie County DEP is in strong support of this application:

Alignment with Smart Growth Principles: NYSERDA's Smart Growth Acceleration Program initiatives, align closely with the Smart Growth principles interwoven throughout the Erie County CCAP. For example, Action Items 7.4.1 and 7.4.2 in the Housing and Neighborhood Resiliency Chapter advocate for directing new housing development to areas supported by existing infrastructure and encouraging compact, mixed-

use development near public transportation, employment, and community services. NYSDERDA's proposal to enable dense, walkable, and vibrant neighborhoods directly supports these objectives, facilitating not only a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions but also promoting healthier, more sustainable communities. The Smart Growth Acceleration Program also supports related action items, including Action Item 10.5.2, which focuses on mapping and assessing the demographic and geographic disparities in tree canopy, establishing priority communities for tree canopy preservation and expansion by 2030. This initiative complements the goal of creating walkable, and vibrant neighborhoods by adding an essential element of green infrastructure, which further reduces greenhouse gas emissions and promotes healthier, more sustainable communities in Erie County.

Promotion of Clean and Equitable Mobility: The proposed Clean Mobility Program by NYSDERDA directly supports Erie County's efforts described by Action Items 6.2.4 and 6.2.8 in the Erie County CCAP's Transportation Chapter. These focus on expanding the county's active transportation network by developing alternative transportation programs, such as microtransit options that address existing transportation gaps, and identifying opportunities to make transit more affordable for low- and moderate-income residents. By supporting initiatives that enhance access to affordable, safe, and clean transportation choices, especially in underserved and disadvantaged communities, NYSDERDA's application promotes a significant shift towards reducing reliance on personal vehicles. This shift is crucial for improving air quality, reducing transportation costs for low-income households, and making our communities more equitable and accessible.

Advancement of Zero-Emission Municipal Fleets: Erie County is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the electrification of municipal fleets, as highlighted in our CCAP action items 5.2.5 (recycling and waste collection vehicles) and 6.3.6 (municipal and county fleets). NYSDERDA's Truck Voucher Incentive Program directly supports this commitment by facilitating the transition to zero-emission vehicles and equipment. The focus on removing polluting vehicles from our communities, coupled with providing technical assistance to municipalities, aligns with our goals to improve air quality and reduce operational costs. This transition not only has immediate environmental and health benefits but also sets a precedent for sustainable practices in municipal operations throughout New York State.

In conclusion, Erie County DEP fervently supports NYSDERDA's application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. This initiative not only aligns with our strategic goals and supports our existing efforts under the CCAP, but also heralds a significant step forward in our collective journey towards sustainable development and environmental stewardship. We believe that the successful implementation of NYSDERDA's proposal will serve as a catalyst for transformative change, fostering the creation of resilient, equitable, and environmentally conscious communities across New York State. Erie County is committed to this vision and eagerly anticipates the opportunity to collaborate on these vital initiatives. We thank you for considering our endorsement and stand ready to support the realization of these critical programs for the betterment of our communities and the environment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Josh Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a stylized "W".

P. JOSH WILSON
Sustainability Director

Cc: Daniel R. Castle, Commissioner



Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council

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March 25, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

As the Executive Director of the staff for the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

The GBNRTC leads the planning of transportation development in Erie and Niagara counties, New York, by coordinating regional transportation agencies to address issues related to land use, air quality, energy, economic development and commerce. Our mission is to plan for a safe, efficient and accessible transportation system and we accomplish that with cooperative planning efforts among all of the major transportation agencies in our region.

Our team is particularly supportive of the grant's proposal to provide resources that support municipalities in immediately transitioning their medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and non-road equipment to zero-emission vehicles while also developing bid specifications to facilitate municipal acquisition of clean vehicles and equipment will have the near-term effect of removing polluting vehicles and equipment from communities. It will also enable municipalities to purchase zero-emission vehicles well into the future and ensure they have the technical resources and knowledge to acquire zero-emission vehicles and equipment, continuing to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality. The components of these programs will help New York reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the short- and long-term and will leverage the climate actions the State has already taken.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Finn, P.E.
Executive Director, GBNRTC

HUDSON VALLEY PATTERN *for* PROGRESS

May 21, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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Dear President Harris,

I am writing on behalf of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to express our support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. With this proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing dense, vibrant communities connected to diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

Pattern is a nonprofit research and planning organization that was founded in 1965 by the academic, businesses, and nonprofit leaders of the Hudson Valley. Our work identifies civic challenges and promotes regional, equitable, and sustainable solutions to constantly improve the quality of life in Hudson Valley communities. Our work with civic leaders in the region has focused on housing, transportation, infrastructure, demographic changes, land-use policy, environmental quality, economic development, and government efficiency.

The activities proposed in the CPRG application strongly align with Pattern's work in New York. We believe that 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.

In particular, the Smart Growth Acceleration Program will help municipalities in the Hudson Valley to address several challenges. It will help our communities plan and encourage diverse housing that is needed to combat our regional housing shortage, while bolstering our vibrant downtowns. This smart-growth approach to housing is especially important in the Hudson Valley, where federal data show that nearly half our neighbors are cost burdened by housing. We also know that dense housing in our downtowns reduces sprawl and improves environmental outcomes.

Projects proposed in this application will also increase access to clean mobility options and reduce our reliance on private vehicles. This is also important in the Hudson Valley. About 10% of our residents do not own a car, but that number is higher than 50% for some demographic groups in our urban areas. More than 35% of business owners in the region say that transportation is a significant barrier to hiring and retaining workers. An ample supply of clean transportation helps to improve workforce viability and environmental quality.

What's more, reducing the emissions associated with medium- and heavy-duty vehicles will also help enhance our quality of life. Many of our cities would see improvements to air quality and public health because they sit along state highways that are frequented by trucks.

Pattern's research in the Hudson Valley strongly points toward the need for planning, and smart-growth actions that are aligned with this application. We strongly endorse it, and we urge the EPA to provide this funding for the environmental betterment of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Adam Bosch', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Branch of the NAACP, this letter expresses support for NYSEERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSEERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near and long term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and are supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

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. This proposal to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near and long term while developing connected and vibrant communities such as those in which our NYCHA NAACP members reside is the type of program needed in the urban centers.

We support NYSEERDA's proposal as it will substantially benefit disadvantaged communities. This proposal aims to address inequitable land use decisions of the past, which have been drivers of racial inequality: inequitable economic opportunity and other pernicious effects. Allowing communities to be more dense increases access to commerce, jobs, public services, and transit and can reduce economic and social segregation. Pairing these investments with new mobility choices, like bicycles and shared transportation options, makes the impacts even stronger. Finally, addressing municipal medium and heavy-duty fleets will reduce air pollutants in overburdened neighborhoods.

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

Sincerely,

Lynn Spivey

Lynn Spivey, President
NAACP NYCHA Branch



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March 25, 2024

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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), I'm writing to express support for the NYSERDA/New York State Department of State (DOS) application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. If awarded, NYSERDA and DOS will jointly implement programs that will help promote smart growth planning and development principles, as well as clean transportation infrastructure, with the overarching goal of reducing greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term.

NYCOM is the association of, and for, cities and villages in New York State, providing legal and technical assistance, training opportunities and legislative advocacy on their behalf. Many of our members have benefited from both DOS and NYSERDA programs and technical support. For example, nearly 100 cities and villages have been awarded either Downtown Revitalization Initiative or NY Forward grants to reinvigorate and reenergize their downtowns. These awards also helped foster the advancement of clean energy infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging stations, and support from NYSERDA for developing certified green buildings.

This joint application will help to further enhance the quality of life and economic vibrancy in New York's cities and villages, while also contributing to the State's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Since many of our local leaders have similar goals for their own communities, we look forward to seeing these programs implemented in New York State.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Van Epps
Executive Director



March 22, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA) this letter serves to express our support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, entitled "Clean and Connected Communities." With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

NYPTA represents over 100 public transit systems across New York State, from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in NYC to Citibus in Watertown, transit equipment manufacturers and suppliers, and others who support public transit. The transit services provided by our members ensure the mobility and connections that support economic growth, environmental improvement, and social equity.

The activities planned in the NYSERDA proposal will increase access to affordable, clean transportation options, including public transit, reduce personal vehicle use and its resulting pollution. This application, which includes actions to implement smart growth policies, provide affordable housing, and promote walkable communities, will improve access to public transit and increase usage.

NYPTA strongly endorses this application, and we look forward to seeing these programs implemented in New York State.

Sincerely,

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James Morrell, President



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March 22, 2024

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Dear President Harris:

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

NYSERDA and the Department of State (DOS) intend to apply for a CPRG grant to implement the Smart Growth Acceleration Program, Clean Mobility Program, and Truck Voucher Incentive Program (Municipal Track) with the goal of creating healthy, walkable, and bikeable communities with electrified public services. The proposed programs are primarily focused on supporting local governments in reducing emissions and air pollutants from the transportation sector by lessening personal vehicle trips and electrifying medium- and heavy-duty municipal vehicles.

NYSAC supports NYSERDA's application to provide counties and other local governments with additional funding, incentives, and technical assistance for climate change mitigation projects. Each component of the application has the potential to create lasting greenhouse gas emission reductions and improve the quality of life for New Yorkers.

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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March 18, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

I am writing on behalf of the New York State Economic Development Council (NYSEDCC) to support the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and New York State Department of State (DOS) application for an EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant award.

NYSERDA, in partnership with DOS, proposes to implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions and develop compact and vibrant communities that are connected to diverse transportation options supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment. To achieve these goals, the agencies place great emphasis on smart growth planning and development, building on DOS' robust smart growth community development programs and NYSERDA's experience with clean transportation systems.

The New York State Economic Development Council is the state's principal organization representing economic development professionals. Our more than 900 members include the leadership of Industrial Development Agencies and Local Development Corporations, commercial and investment banks, underwriters, bond counsels, utilities, chambers of commerce, higher education institutions, and private corporations. NYSEDCC's purpose is to promote the economic development of the state and its communities, to encourage sound practices in the conduct of regional and statewide development programs, and to develop education programs that enhance the professional development skills of our members.

Our members work to build vibrant, diverse, and sustainable communities throughout the State. Toward those goals, the principles of smart growth and sustainability are embedded in our programming, policies, outreach and education. And in promoting smart growth, NYSEDCC has forged a strong and productive partnership with DOS' Office of Planning, development & Community Infrastructure to achieve our overlapping and mutually reinforcing missions.

For these reasons and more, the NYSEDCC strongly supports the NYSERDA/DOS grant application.

Sincerely,

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March 21, 2024

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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the Pace Land Use Law Center ("Center"), this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. With this proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State (DOS) will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing dense, vibrant communities connected to diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment. The Center has worked closely with DOS on these goals in the past, as both a recipient of land use grant funding and an advisor to the agency on climate-related land use matters.

The Pace Land Use Law Center helps foster sustainable community development by promoting innovative land use strategies and collaborative decision-making through leadership training, research, education, and technical assistance on a variety of topics related to land use planning and regulation, including smart growth, transit-oriented development, sustainable site and neighborhood development, green buildings, and climate change mitigation, among others. NYSERDA's application, developed in partnership with DOS, complements much of the Center's work to advance climate mitigation and equitable development, including developing green building programs, best practices for transit-oriented development planning and zoning, and a wind energy guidebook for municipalities. The application's proposal to accelerate smart growth planning, zoning, and predevelopment activities, along with the proposals to offer clean mobility options and transition local governments to zero-emission vehicles and equipment, will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants, lending to more sustainable communities throughout New York.

We support each of the measures included in this application as they align with the Center's goal to foster sustainable community development and will help further the State's efforts to address climate change. These proposals will make our communities safer, healthier, cleaner, and more connected, improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

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

Sincerely,

Jessica Bacher



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March 22, 2024

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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the Regional Plan Association, this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

RPA, located at 1 Whitehall St, New York, NY 10004, is an independent, non-profit organization, whose mission is to research urban planning and policy issues of regional and statewide importance and to improve the New York City metropolitan region's economic health, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. RPA has consistently championed the advancement of projects that prioritize and facilitate diverse transportation options. This entails not only promoting sustainable modes of transportation such as public transit, cycling, and walking but also ensuring equitable access to zero-emission transportation choices for all residents. Recognizing that transportation accessibility is inherently linked to issues of equity, RPA firmly stands behind these initiatives.

NYSERDA's application carries the promise of improving neighborhoods in our state, leading to decreases in greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants. These initiatives will establish a blueprint for empowering communities to actively contribute to greenhouse gas reduction efforts at the local level. By fostering the growth of sustainable communities and enhancing transportation alternatives, we can reduce reliance on private vehicles, thus driving down both short-term and long-term emissions. This will not only result in cleaner and safer neighborhoods but also create more appealing environments for residents, visitors, workers, shoppers, diners, and beyond.

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

Sincerely,

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March 21, 2024

Hon. Doreen Harris, President
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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RE: Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Letter of Support

Dear  President Harris,

On behalf of the Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development (SCOPED), this letter expresses support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. This proposal clearly supports the four primary goals of the EPA grant program. Namely, to implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond; to pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria air pollutants and hazardous air pollutants), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities; to complement other funding sources to maximize these GHG reductions and community benefits; and, to pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be "scaled up" across multiple jurisdictions. NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State (DOS) will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing dense, vibrant communities that are connected to diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.


SCOPED is the economic development organization for Schuyler County, New York. We are a private agency that works with our public partners to utilize innovative ideas and initiatives to promote the formation, retention, expansion, and attraction of target businesses in the area and foster a vibrant and diverse rural economy and workforce while taking advantage of our natural and cultural environment to create a prosperous community and raise the standard of living for our residents. In carrying out these goals, SCOPED has formed a strong and productive working relationship with the NYS Department of State through a number of the agency's smart growth and community planning and development initiatives, such as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, New York Forward, and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. We would therefore wholeheartedly embrace the opportunity to expand this partnership through this CPRG proposal, if awarded.

NYSERDA's application to support smart growth planning, zoning, and predevelopment activities supports SCOPED's mission of fostering sustainable, rural economic development. The other

components of the application will also help achieve the goal of the grant including utilizing multiple funding sources to maximize the reduction of GHG emissions preserving our natural environment and promoting sustainable communities. This will be accomplished by offering clean transportation options, zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment, and documenting new innovative solutions that may be replicated and scaled to other communities. The deliverables in this application will make our air cleaner and create lasting reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, especially here in Schuyler County which has a disproportionate number of low-income and disadvantaged populations.

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

Sincerely,

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Judy McKinley Cherry CECD FM
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Shared Mobility Inc.

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Doreen Harris, President
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Dear President Harris,

On behalf of Shared Mobility Inc. (SMI), this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

Since 2009, Shared Mobility Inc. stands as a beacon of compassion in the realm of transportation, operating with a commitment to equitable access for all. As a nonprofit leader, SMI mission is focused on uplifting underserved populations, recognizing transportation not merely as a service, but as an inherent human right. SMI has fostered multiple different types of mobility options across over 15 New York cities, with the belief that all communities, regardless of socio-economic status should have access to clean, and affordable transportation. Any funding dedicated to New York State and its local governments to reduce harmful pollutants will not only help in our mission, but also dramatically help the residents of New York State live a happier and healthier life.

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

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Michael Galligano
CEO, Shared Mobility Inc.



University at Buffalo

Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water (RENEW)

March 22, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Dear President Harris:

On behalf of RENEW Institute at the University at Buffalo, this letter serves to express support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. I understand that this funding would enable NYSERDA and the New York State (NYS) Department of State to implement a suite of programs that will reduce greenhouse gas and air polluting emissions while simultaneously developing smart transportation options, including zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment, that will connect and elevate our communities.

The RENEW (Research and Education in eNergy, Environment and Water) Institute at the University at Buffalo (UB) is an interdisciplinary initiative that supports convergent research and projects that tackle the energy, environmental, and water-related challenges of the 21st century, including their social dimensions. We also are mindful of historic injustices that have contributed to environmental, social, and health inequities, and strive to embed within our activities educational, vocational, and professional development pathways for people who have been historically underrepresented in higher education in general, and STEM fields in particular. Thus, we are particularly supportive of the activities that NYS/NYSERDA propose because of their capacity to advance change that will address existing emissions and transportation challenges, while attending to inequitable land use and air pollution exposure of overburdened and frontline community constituents.

To enable the broadest reach of your activities, I stand ready to provide platforms for public engagement through RENEW at UB. For example, should the implementation team need to conduct outreach, recruit interns, announce activities, liaise with students, faculty, and staff, I will serve as the initiative's point person at my institution. In sum, I strongly endorse this application and hope that the US EPA will fund and implement these programs in New York State.

Sincerely,

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School of Architecture and Planning

To: Doreen Harris, President
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From: Julia Czerniak, AIA Assoc., ASLA, RLA
Dean and Professor
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Date: March 20, 2024

Dear President Harris,

On behalf of the University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning, this letter expresses support for NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to support clean and connected communities. With this Proposal, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State will implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions in the near- and long-term while developing connected and vibrant communities that realize diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

The University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning is a rich multidisciplinary environment of creative, talented, and intelligent people who discuss provocative ideas, do meaningful work, and collectively advance timely projects that interface with the complex social and environmental issues of the 21st century like climate change. With professional and pre-professional programs in the design and planning fields, we offer a world-class education that moves between knowledge in the arts, the humanities, and the STEM disciplines that enables our students to think critically, design creatively, problem solve collaboratively, and communicate verbally and visually. In the only school of architecture and planning within the 64-campus State University of New York system, we shape students to be model citizens, future leaders, and agents of change.

We support NYSERDA's proposal as it will have substantial benefits for disadvantaged communities. This proposal aims to addressing inequitable land use decisions of the past, which have been drivers of economic and racial inequality. Allowing communities to be more dense increases access to commerce, jobs, public services, and transit, and can reduce economic and social segregation. Pairing these investments with new mobility choices, like bicycles and shared transportation options, makes the impacts even stronger.

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

Sincerely,

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Julia E. Czerniak
Dean and Professor

School of Architecture and Planning



March 20, 2024

Doreen Harris, President
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Dear President Harris,

Vision Long Island ("Vision") tenders this letter in strong support of NYSERDA's application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, entitled "Clean and Connected Communities." NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State (DOS) are proposing to implement programs that reduce greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions and develop compact and vibrant communities that are connected to diverse transportation options and supported by zero-emission municipal vehicles and equipment.

Vision has long advocated sustainable land use and development reforms as a means to promote economic development, equity, and a better quality of life on Long Island, while at the same time reducing transportation-based greenhouse gas emissions. Vision promotes mixed-use and mixed-income transit-oriented development in many of Long Island's communities. It is here our mission and day-to-day advocacy align directly with the scope of the NYSERDA/DOS proposal.

Vision has also worked closely with the DOS Smart Growth Director and Office on a number of initiatives that support our mutual agendas. If awarded, Vision will continue that productive partnership in any way necessary to achieve the goals of the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program.

For these reasons, Vision Long Island strongly endorses this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Alexander, Director
Vision Long Island

Vision Long Island advances more livable, economically sustainable, and environmentally responsible growth on Long Island through Smart Growth. Smart Growth focuses on infill, re-development, and open space preservation. It supports mixed-use, mixed-income communities that are convenient, attractive, pedestrian-friendly, and that make affordable housing and public transportation desirable and realistic.

For over 20 years Vision has counseled downtown Villages and Towns, and has been a resource for the County, State, and Federal governments, as well as the business and civic community on downtown revitalization, planning and infrastructure.

Vision has made over 3000 presentations, performed over 30 community visionings and advanced over 150 public and private planning projects towards implementing the goals of Smart Growth. Over 15,000 units of transit-oriented development have been approved in our local municipalities with the support of Vision Long Island.