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U.S Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

**RE: *EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Grant Application (General Competition)*  
*submitted by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality***

The North Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (NCMA) is pleased to support the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program as part of the EPA CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition application. NCMA has a strong and positive relationship with NCDEQ. We will work with the department to benefit North Carolina's environment and economy in general and through funding planned for industrial projects.

NCMA is a trade organization representing manufacturers in our state. We advocate legislation, regulation, and policies that protect North Carolina's environment, provide a reliable energy future, and promote a healthy manufacturing sector. Our members are actively engaged in NCDEQ programs that achieve these mutual points of interest. Many of our manufacturers are Environmental Stewards in the NCDEQ Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) that recognizes and supports companies that go above and beyond to reduce their impact on the environment. Together with NCDEQ, NCMA hosts a series of environmental compliance workshops throughout the year that cover air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste management bringing the regulated community together with the regulators for better relationships and fuller understanding of regulatory requirements. We host an Environmental, Energy, Health & Safety School each year with NCDEQ staff serving on our steering committee and providing speakers for the event. We appreciate NCDEQ's demonstrated long-term commitment to work with the manufacturing community in matters that affect us. NCMA offers this letter of support as part of a larger and holistic commitment for the benefit of our state.

NCMA anticipates supporting NCDEQ on CPRG implementation activities including but not limited to:

- Develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Increase the amount of electricity generated by low- and no-carbon energy resources in NC.
- Implement measures to increase energy resiliency in NC.
- Develop programs to support or incentivize implementation of energy efficiency and emission reduction measures in NC industry.

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NCMA will promote CPRG implementation activities and engage the manufacturing community through our weekly update to members, workshops, EEHS school, annual meeting, committee meetings, etc. NCMA also stands ready to participate in NCDEQ stakeholder meetings when the opportunities arise. NCMA would like to reiterate our support for NCDEQ's application. We plan to work with NCDEQ and the State Energy Office to undertake greenhouse reduction efforts in our role as advocates for manufacturers in North Carolina.

For additional information, please contact Jimmy Carter – [jimmy.carter@myncma.org](mailto:jimmy.carter@myncma.org).

Sincerely,

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