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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***

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to provide the North Carolina Community College System's commitment 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. We are excited about the positive impact this initiative could have on workforce skill development and environmental sustainability across our state.

As the Associate Vice President of Workforce Strategies at the North Carolina Community College System, I am proud to lead an organization that serves as a pivotal hub for workforce development, education, and community engagement throughout the state. Our commitment to reducing carbon footprints and promoting sustainable practices is evident through various initiatives, such as workforce training programs in renewable energy technologies, green building practices, and sustainability management.

We recognize that a well-trained and skilled workforce is essential to overcoming barriers and advancing sustainable projects. The North Carolina Community College System is eager to collaborate with NCDEQ. We will focus on implementing workforce training programs in renewable energy technologies to build a skilled workforce for the clean energy sector.

We are confident that NCDEQ is well-positioned to drive sustainable practices across North Carolina. Our organization fully supports NCDEQ's application and eagerly anticipates the outcomes and benefits this program will bring to our communities.



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