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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong commitment to the coalition partnership between the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and the City of Cleveland as applicants submitting a proposal to fund an innovative project in Northeast Ohio -- Reclaiming the Forest City: Northeast Ohio Complete and Green Streets Program. This application is being submitted through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant implementation funding opportunity. NOACA intends to further document this commitment through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Cleveland, to be submitted by July 1, 2024.

NOACA and the City of Cleveland have demonstrated their strong partnership toward climate pollution reduction, having received funding through the U.S. EPA to create a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CPAP) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The PCAP, submitted March 1, 2024, identifies numerous priority measures.

This innovative application addresses three of the PCAP measures: Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction, Light Duty Vehicle Electrification, and Nature-Based Solutions. This proposal creates a unique program designed to induce multimodal transportation (in the form of e-bikes) in combination with programs to

- 1) strengthen ongoing Complete and Green Streets regional initiatives and
- 2) support regional tree canopy restoration.

NOACA and the City of Cleveland have worked closely to create this coalition application and will work together on implementation if funding is approved.

Sincerely,

Grace Gallucci  
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

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