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Grace Gallucci
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Director Gallucci:

I am writing to express my strong commitment to the partnership with NOACA outlined in the application to fund the Northeast Ohio Regional Complete and Green Streets Program through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. The City of Cleveland intends to further document this commitment through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be submitted by July 1, 2024.

The City of Cleveland and NOACA 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, identified numerous priority measures. Three of those measures, Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction, Light Duty Vehicle Electrification, and Nature-Based Solutions, are jointly addressed through this innovative implementation grant proposal. This proposal creates a unique program 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.

As the Chair of Climate Mayors, I am committed to leveraging federal funding opportunities like CPRG to advance climate action at the local level. This application closely aligns with the priorities Northeast Ohio has identified through its PCAP and will advance the City of Cleveland's own climate action plan, which we are updating currently.

The City of Cleveland and NOACA have worked diligently to create this coalition application and will work together on implementation if funding is approved. Thank you for your consideration of this application. Any questions can be directed to Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 664-3544 or via email at rpuate@clevelandohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Bibb
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