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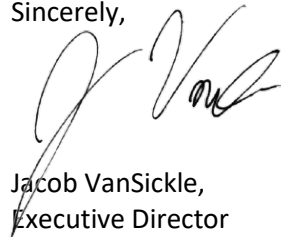
I am writing to express Bike Cleveland's strong support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and the City of Cleveland. This grant proposal would fund an innovative project – Reclaiming the Forest City: Northeast Ohio Complete and Green Streets Program. This project will help implement several measures included in the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) for the Cleveland-Elyria Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), submitted by NOACA and Cleveland.

Bike Cleveland is committed to working with the coalition applicants to support and implement this proposal, including the e-bike rebates and the Complete and Green Streets components of the program. Bike Cleveland has a long history of providing bicycling education to people of all ages, working closely with bike shops, and promoting active transportation across the region. We engage with thousands of riders every year through youth camps, community bike rides, bike light giveaways, and more. Given our 12 years of work in the region, are well-positioned to support the implementation of this program.

We have worked with many partners, including NOACA and the City of Cleveland, to create and improve opportunities and conditions that will give residents greater choice in how they move about the region for work, errands, and recreational trips. Bike Cleveland is a member of NOACA's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Council, where we collaborate with NOACA and other organizations to improve the conditions and opportunities for alternative modes of transportation and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) pollutants associated with the region's historically high rate of vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT). We also serve on the City of Cleveland's Transportation Infrastructure Advisory Committee (TIAC), where we provide advice on the implementation of the City's Complete and Green Streets Ordinance.

Bike Cleveland hereby pledges to partner with the coalition applicants to implement this proposal if funded, and we look forward to reducing VMT throughout Northeast Ohio – to reduce GHG emissions, clean the air, reduce transportation costs for residents, and provide healthy and safe options for travel – especially in Low-Income Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) areas of the region. We thank you for leading this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director