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County Administrator's Office
Orange County Government
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Ms. Black:

I am writing to express our unwavering support for Orange County's CPRG Implementation application, the Clean Commute Orange County: The Express Route to Lower GHGs. As the Pine Hills Community Council President, I recognize the substantial impact this project promises in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions within the transportation sector. As documented, transportation and mobile sources account for 40.9% of regional GHG emissions, signifying a critical area for intervention.

The launch of Express Route 301, a collaborative effort with LYNX, marks a significant advancement in our regional goals for environmental sustainability and improved transportation connectivity. Strategically commencing at the new and eagerly awaited Pine Hill Transfer Center, the route is designed to meet the transportation needs of our community's workforce and the thriving tourist sector heading to the World-Class Theme Parks within Orange County. More than just enhancing connectivity, this initiative emerges as a symbol of our commitment to sustainability, with the potential to significantly decrease the reliance on private vehicles and thereby reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Our organization is wholeheartedly aligned with the mission of the Clean Commute Orange County promoting sustainable and eco-friendly transportation choices. We are confident that this bus service will have a positive impact on our community's sustainability by improving air quality, reducing carbon emissions, and offering alternative, more sustainable public transportation choices.

Our commitment to a cleaner, greener transportation network is steadfast, and we are enthusiastic about the potential for this project to catalyze positive environmental change. Should there be any need for additional support or information to propel the Clean Commute Orange County project forward, do not hesitate to reach out. We are excited about the positive changes this initiative will bring and are ready to contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

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