



# REPRESENTATIVE BEN SANCHEZ

## 153<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

March 12, 2024

Philadelphia Energy Authority  
Attn: Emily Schapira, President & CEO  
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Dear Ms. Schapira:

I am writing to extend my support to the Philadelphia Energy Authority (PEA) as it pursues funding from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, which is designed to enable states, municipalities, tribes, and territories to 1) implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond, 2) pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, 3) complement other funding sources to maximize GHG reductions and community benefits, and 4) pursue innovative policies and programs that are replicable and can be scaled up across multiple jurisdictions.

As one of the potential benefitting projects under PEA, Upper Dublin Township will construct a model NET ZERO Civic and Public Services Facility to house its Police, Zoning and Permits, Parks and Recreation, Township Engineer, Finance, and Community Room services. They intend to participate in or directly assist in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by incorporating solar panels and a geothermal heating and cooling system into the design of the new facility. This facility will utilize no fossil fuels, therefore there will be no GHG emissions. The energy production will equal the energy consumption creating a net zero facility.

Upper Dublin looks forward to playing a role in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Southeastern Pennsylvania with the goal of protecting human health and the environment as part of this transformative opportunity. Thank you for your consideration of this application for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin V. Sanchez".

**Benjamin V. Sanchez**  
PA State Representative  
153<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District  
PA House of Representatives