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Philadelphia Energy Authority
Emily Schapira, President & CEO
1400 JFK Blvd, City Hall Room 566
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Ms.Schapira,

I am writing in support of Upper Dublin Township's application for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. If awarded, these funds would support Upper Dublin's initiative to 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.

In September 2021, the Upper Dublin Township building was destroyed in a tornado. After numerous evaluations, the decision was made to rebuild a more compact, sustainable, and energy efficient building to serve the community. The Township plans for this project to meet the four goals of the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program by incorporating solar panels and a geothermal heating and cooling system into the design of the new facility. Additionally, 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.

As the state senator representing Upper Dublin Township in the 12th district, I hope you too recognize the positive environmental impact the proposed funding request will have if awarded and encourage you to look favorably upon the Township's grant application.

Sincerely,

Senator Maria Collett