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Philadelphia Energy Authority  
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Dear Ms. Schapira:

My name is Robert Martin and I serve as Director of Development at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills. I am writing to extend my support to the Philadelphia Energy Authority 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.

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills is a life-sharing community of over 100 individuals, approximately half of whom are adults with intellectual disabilities. As noted in a February 13, 2024 letter of support from the executive director of the Chester County Planning Commission, "Camphill Village Kimberton Hills already serves as a shining example of sustainable land management and intentional community building in Chester County, and completing their energy transition projects would position the organization and its campus as a stellar demonstration project for an holistic approach to sustainability regionally."

We intend to participate in or directly assist in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by executing a comprehensive clean energy transition plan for the built environment of the community. The plan involves a series of energy efficiency upgrades to our buildings, including building envelope efficiency improvements, and electrification of building systems especially HVAC and household appliances. The third aspect of the plan is development of two microgrids comprised of on-site renewable energy generation (solar PV) and long-duration battery storage.

We look 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.

Sincerely,

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