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

My name is Susan Buck and I serve as Deputy Commissioner of Operations at Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. 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.

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR) protects over 10,000 acres of public land and waterways, operating hundreds of recreation, environmental, and cultural centers in the City of Philadelphia. Through the operation of the Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center, PPR is instrumental in diverting waste from landfill for city agencies and local organizations while providing mulch, compost, and other organic products at no cost to residents.

We intend to directly assist in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by upgrading equipment and capacity at the Fairmount Park Organic Recycling Center, doubling the quantity of organic materials managed by the site and improving resident access to finished products. This project will reduce emissions associated with disposal of organic materials and improve soil health in the City of Philadelphia.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Buck".

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