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

My name is Le'Yondo Dunn and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer at YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School. 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.

Since 1992, YouthBuild Philadelphia has helped more than 3,600 previously out-of-school young people earn a high school diploma and workforce-ready vocational certification in high-demand career fields, with a special emphasis on construction and sustainable building. Throughout our history, we have rehabilitated 89 homes across Philadelphia for sale or rent to previously unhoused and/or low-income individuals and families, including five LEED-certified projects.

We intend to participate in, or directly assist with, the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by identifying and rehabilitating three new single or multi-family units in economically distressed neighborhoods across Philadelphia, with the intention of providing affordable, sustainably-built, energy-efficient housing for first-time homebuyers, low-income renters, or individuals in need of transitional housing. The first of these units, a row-home in Philadelphia's Frankford section, will serve as transitional housing for vulnerable women; two additional units will be identified in the coming years through deep partnerships with multiple community development corporations.

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,



Le'Yondo Dunn
Chief Executive Officer
YouthBuild Philadelphia Charter School