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Philadelphia Energy Authority
Attn: Emily Schapira, President & CEO
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(215) 686-4483
Info@philaenergy.org

Dear Ms. Schapira:

My name is Christopher Bashore and I serve as the Township Manager for West Goshen Township. 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.

West Goshen Township is a municipal government located in Chester County, PA. Currently, West Goshen Township is the second largest municipality in Chester County and contains many important assets, including a portion of West Chester University of Pennsylvania and many of the facilities for the Chester County Government. West Goshen Township provides many services to the community, including Police protection, street maintenance, park and recreation programs and maintenance, wastewater service, and general code enforcement.

We intend to participate in or directly assist in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by installing a proposed solar energy array on the Township's Public Works Facility. Completion of this project will provide a significant savings to the community by reducing the Township's energy costs and allowing for those funds to be invested in other projects, such as the repair on community infrastructure. Additionally, the governing body has invested significantly in projects that have assisted in reducing the Township's carbon footprint and the proposed project will assist in realizing this vision.

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 black ink that reads "Christopher Bashore". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Bashore".

Christopher Bashore
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