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

On behalf of the Borough of West Chester, 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.

The Borough of West Chester, celebrating its 225th anniversary this year, is the county seat of Chester County, and is home to a vibrant downtown and bustling university community. West Chester has a long record of environmental achievements, and continually serves as a leader in operational sustainability and sustainability-oriented policy.

We intend to participate in the design and performance of a project that meets these four goals by installing a solar photovoltaic canopy, complete with electric vehicle charging stations, at our municipal administrative facility, which houses the Borough's administrative and police departments. Once completed, the project will provide the infrastructure necessary to electrify the Borough's entire administrative fleet, with clean energy generated on-site, and with excess generation to offset ~25% of the facility's existing electricity load. The project will also provide much-needed public access to EV charging infrastructure.

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,

Sean Metrick
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