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Dear Ms. Schapira:

My name is Rebecca Yurkovich and I serve as the Sustainability and Resilience Manager in the Delaware County Office of Sustainability. 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.

This program closely aligns with the Delaware County Office of Sustainability's mission (DCOS) of making Delaware County and its operations more sustainable and resilient to the effects of climate change. In August 2023, DCOS released its first-ever sustainability plan, [Sustain Delco: A Sustainability Plan for Delaware County](#) which outlines the County's commitment to sustainability and the reduction of GHG by establishing goals, targets, and over 290 actions to put Delaware County and its residents on a more sustainable path.

To support the goals and actions identified in the Sustain Delco, as well as those identified in the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, we intend to participate in or directly assist in the design, performance, and installation of LED lighting at the George W. Hill Correctional Facility in Concord Township, Delaware County. The George W. Hill Correctional Facility is the largest energy user of all County facilities. With energy being the largest cause of GHG in Delaware County operations, this project will produce significant impacts. Additionally, this project will impact low-income and

disadvantaged communities by reducing the financial impact of energy costs within County operations allowing for funds to be shifted to other services. Delaware County is home to more than 576,000 residents, 95,000 in which reside in Environmental Justice communities. This project will also leverage PECO utility rebates, further reducing financial impacts.

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, reading "Rebecca Yurkovich". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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