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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.

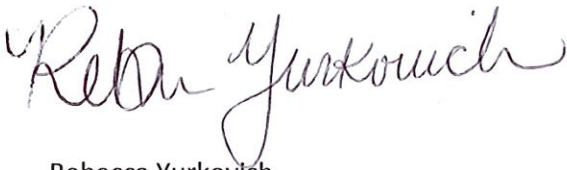
This program closely aligns with the Delaware County Office of Sustainability's mission (DCOS) of making Delaware County and its operations more sustainable and resilient to the effects of climate change. In August 2023, DCOS released its first-ever sustainability plan, [Sustain Delco: A Sustainability 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 and performance of creating a Commercial-grade Composting Facility within Delaware County. Food waste currently accounts for nearly 30% of the County's waste and must be shipped between several destinations (transfer stations, incinerator, and landfill) prior to hitting its final destination. The completion of this project will not only serve to reduce GHG emissions from the breakdown of waste,

but it will also serve to reduce GHG emissions associated with trucking in two of our local Environmental Justice communities, Chester Township and Chester City. This project will complement PA DEP funding sources for recycling education and will meet a current unmet need for large-scale food scraps collection.

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 dark ink, reading "Rebecca Yurkovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" and last name "Yurkovich" clearly distinguishable.

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