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Catherine Ciarlo  
Director of Planning, Development & Research  
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Dear Director Ciarlo:

Energy Trust of Oregon is pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for Metro's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program in its application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for funds to enhance energy efficiency in new affordable housing, as part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). Energy Trust of Oregon applauds Metro's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and assisting low-income households in managing utility expenses through this innovative program. Energy Trust of Oregon is dedicated to advancing energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives throughout the state, and we recognize the significant impact that collaborative efforts such as Metro's TOD program can have on achieving our shared objectives. As part of this effort, Energy Trust of Oregon commits to partnering with Metro to communicate the availability of energy efficiency incentives offered through the TOD program. By leveraging our expertise and resources, we aim to increase awareness among developers and stakeholders about the benefits of incorporating energy-efficient measures into affordable housing projects. We will work to ensure that developers are well-informed about the incentives available to them and are equipped to maximize the energy efficiency of their developments.

Furthermore, Energy Trust of Oregon is committed to partnering with Metro on compliance for the funded activities in qualifying development projects. We understand the importance of accountability and transparency in achieving the objectives of the CPRG grant, and we are prepared to collaborate with Metro to ensure that funded projects meet the requirements and deliver measurable outcomes regarding energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction.

Energy Trust of Oregon is proud to support Metro's TOD program and its efforts to create inclusive, climate-friendly communities near transit investments. We believe that by working together, we can make meaningful progress toward our shared goals of reducing carbon emissions, promoting energy efficiency, and enhancing the quality of life for all Oregonians.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you on this important initiative, and we look forward to a successful collaboration.

Sincerely,

Trisha Paul

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trisha Paul", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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