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EPA Administrator
Michael S. Regan
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: City of Rochester US EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) – Implementation

To Whom it May Concern:

The Genesee-Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC) fully supports the application from the City of Rochester for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation funding to carry out the goals and strategies of the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) for the Genesee/ Finger Lakes Region.

The City of Rochester is leading by example through its investments in renewable energy, decarbonization of municipal facilities, and energy efficiency, and in its innovative programs to make these technologies available to low-income residents within disadvantaged communities.

The activities that Rochester proposes will advance the goals and strategies of the PCAP, including the overall goal to reduce energy use and the Buildings & Infrastructure Strategy #1 to “Advance the Decarbonization of Buildings and Infrastructure” and to “Reduce Energy Efficiency Barriers in Buildings and Infrastructure.”

To encourage replication of these activities and to multiply their impacts, GFLRPC will publicize Rochester’s experiences to other municipalities that may be interested in pursuing similar measures. As the regional coordinator for the Clean Energy Communities program and as a clearinghouse for information, we continually interact with municipal governments throughout the region that could potentially replicate the activities to be carried out by the City of Rochester’s CPRG implementation measures.

We look forward to working with the City of Rochester as it takes a leading role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our region.

Regards

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