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**RE:** Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program:  
Implementation Grants General Competition

Dear Michele,

On behalf of Zero Foodprint, I am pleased to provide this letter expressing our organization's commitment to helping Santa Clara County reach the goals outlined in the Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation proposal.

The priority measures outlined in the proposal will help Alameda, San Benito, and Santa Clara Counties meet California's SB 1383 diversion and procurement requirements by building out infrastructure to handle waste and compost capacity needs and establish incentive programs to encourage appropriate organic waste handling in the region. The establishment of a regional compost broker program will serve as a centralized platform connecting compost producers with agricultural entities and other end users, to identify locations for compost application. The initiative will also develop a carbon credit program designed to generate verifiable carbon credits from compost application. Finally, the proposal outlines the establishment of local food recovery infrastructure hubs dedicated to food recovery and redistribution efforts.

Zero Foodprint is a climate-smart agriculture nonprofit dedicated to mobilizing food producers around agricultural climate solutions. Zero Foodprint invests in climate-beneficial agriculture and partners with a growing movement of award-winning restaurateurs, businesses, farmers and ranchers who want to use their land and their businesses to solve the climate crisis.

Compost Connector, a program of Zero Foodprint, is specifically designed to facilitate access to compost in California, and leverages new legislative mandates that California jurisdictions procure recycled organic waste products, such as compost.

Zero Foodprint has an established relationship with both Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, providing compost brokerage services for SB1383 compliance as well as assisting the counties with integrating working lands into their Climate Action Plan implementation. Zero Foodprint's maintains strong working relationships with numerous agricultural agencies, compost producers, and academic institutions working on agriculture, organics recycling, and measuring and monitoring carbon sequestration on working lands. Zero Foodprint has the knowledge, experience, and network to oversee compost application on behalf of the counties.



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Zero Foodprint is dedicated to the long-term success of the regional compost broker program. In addition to the services provided under this project, we are working to serve jurisdictions throughout the state with this program, while increasing the access to compost and streamlining use of compost in climate-smart agriculture.

Sincerely,

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