



March 26, 2024

Jared Darby  
Administrator  
Office of Sustainability & Resilience  
City of Memphis & Shelby County  
125 N. Main, Ste. 468 Memphis, TN 38103

RE: Southeast Sustainability Directors Network Commits to the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area* Project

Dear. Mr. Darby,

I am writing to express the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network's (SSDN) commitment to support the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area* project, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the residential sector by expanding the availability of weatherization and energy retrofits in high-energy burden communities.

SSDN is a network of over 110 local government practitioners from a ten-state region in the South that are committed to addressing climate change in their communities. Our network supports the scaling of best practices throughout the region through peer learning, provides programs that support communities' access to federal funding, and promotes our communities' understanding of their local policy landscape. SSDN commits to the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits project because it will address some of the highest energy burdens in historically disadvantaged communities, improve residential energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote local economic development and community resilience.

SSDN is ready to assist in the success of the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project by committing to provide ongoing capacity building support to the local government partners and sharing best practices with them from communities throughout the South and around the country. Our participation in the project will help ensure its success by providing expertise in energy efficiency and renewable energy to the project and providing decision-making guidance at the policy level to affect positive change.

Please give the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits application the highest consideration for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg J", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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