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Shelby County Government
125 N Main St, Ste 468, Memphis TN 38103

Subj: Letter of Intent for MOA: Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area

Dear Ms. Huffman:

The City of Memphis Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) commits to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Shelby County Government's coalition application to the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The coalition seeks CPRG funds for the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area* project, which aims to increase the accessibility of weatherization and energy efficiency services in low-income communities with high energy burden. The coalition will (1) provide workforce training to address the lack of certified auditors and contractors to provide weatherization services and (2) expand existing weatherization programs and/or support new weatherization programs to reach unserved areas. These efforts will significantly reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions from the residential building sector.

HCD's mission is to make Memphis and our neighborhoods strong, healthy, and thriving by providing loans and grants, education and expert advice, and direct and indirect services to our entire community, improving the quality of life for all Memphians. The division administers the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for Shelby County through a funding partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. WAP works to promote energy efficient homes for low-income households through the installation of energy conservation measures.

HCD was a founding member of the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Coalition. If awarded funding, we will work with the Shelby County Government, Coalition members, and community partners to carry out the project activities outlined within the CPRG grant proposal and MOA. The MOA will clearly describe the agreed-upon roles, responsibilities, contributions, resources, and commitments each partner will provide to ensure project success, as well as the coalition's operating model and statement of accountability to US EPA.

Best Regards,

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