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

RE: City of West Memphis Letter of Intent to sign MOA for the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area*

Dear Ms. Huffman,

The City of West Memphis, Arkansas 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.

The City of West Memphis is just 10 minutes west of Downtown Memphis and is critical to the air quality levels of the Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area. As a result, it is imperative that we improve energy efficiency for homeowners in our small city while simultaneously reducing the carbon footprint for the region.

The City of West Memphis is 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marco M. McClendon".

Marco McClendon

City of West Memphis, Arkansas
Mayor