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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Strong Support for Stamford's EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application

Dear Administrator Regan:

As the local Stamford Board of Representative Member who represents the project area, I write to convey my strong support for the City of Stamford's "Climate Pollution Reduction Grant" (CPRG) application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Stamford seeks CPRG funding to implement a key recommendation of the Southwest CT Climate Action Plan. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the transportation sector are identified as a major contributor to climate change in the region. Municipalities across Southwest Connecticut have identified Complete Streets as critical tools "for enabling safe walking and biking instead of driving." CPRG funding will support the conversion of Bedford and Summer Streets in Stamford to Complete Streets with new pedestrian/bike accommodations and improved transit service. Federal investment will improve mobility in a majority-minority community and significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

I support Stamford's effort to mitigate carbon emissions because just in the last few years the amount of biking, walking, and environmentally friendly modes of transportation has increased dramatically, and it has outpaced the aging infrastructure, which sadly is still geared toward automobiles. Most neighborhoods are within walking distance to schools, libraries, and shopping centers; however, the lack of sidewalks and pedestrian friendly streets have forced residents to rely on automobiles even though they prefer other means of transportation. Our infrastructure must keep up with a changing commuter environment, which in this case, is for more eco-friendly ways to travel. I enthusiastically support all means to make this happen.

Sincerely,



Dan Sandford

Stamford Board of Representatives
District 14