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April 1, 2024

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:

I write on behalf of Stamford Downtown, the Business Improvement District representing over 500 private property owners in Stamford's city center, to convey our 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.

Stamford Downtown supports Stamford's effort to mitigate carbon emissions because we recognize the crucial importance of reducing emissions to limit the most severe impacts of climate change. As a coastal city, the impact of sea level rise and increasing storm intensity provide acute risk to our neighborhoods. This project specifically will convert our primary access and egress corridors - linking our downtown, bus hub, and northeast corridor rail station to multiple neighborhoods to the north - to facilitate walking and biking in lieu of the automobile. Additionally, converting trips to alternative modes will free up road capacity and facilitate population and employment growth. Transit-oriented and walkable development will further our climate goals, but growth is hampered by infrastructure constraints. This new multi-modal capacity will facilitate smart development.

Please give the highest consideration to Stamford's application for EPA CPRG funding. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

