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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:

We are People Friendly Stamford, a local safe streets advocacy group dedicated to making our neighborhoods more walkable, bikeable, and accessible. We write 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.

Reducing our city's carbon footprint through active transportation is central to the mission of People Friendly Stamford. Complete Street planning, design, and construction is crucial to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City's greenhouse gas inventory showed that transportation is the number one emitter of greenhouse gas emissions in Stamford, and reducing our mobility emissions through projects like this is vital to tackling our climate crisis. Making Bedford Street and Summer Street into complete streets has long been a goal of our organization, and we're glad that with this funding it can finally become a reality.

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

Thank you,

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