



## COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

850 A St.  
P.O. BOX 408  
PLUMMER, IDAHO 83851  
(208) 686-1800 • Fax (208) 686-1182

Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20460

March 12, 2024

Dear Mr. Regan:

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is a member of the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) and is dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the lives of our Tribal members through the collaborative Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Projects listed within our final Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP). The Coeur d'Alene Tribe has devoted environmental staff, with assistance from facilities staff and leadership, to the development of the plan and we are excited to offer this letter of support for the UCUT submission for the CPRG Implementation Grant application.

Through the PCAP development process, we have identified key projects for our Tribe: the installation of an alternative power source to replace the use of propane for the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Resort HVAC system, an on-site composting system at the Casino and Resort, and the adoption and implementation of up-to-date building energy codes. These projects, if we are funded to implement on our reservation, will create an even higher impact on our carbon emission reduction. To implement these projects, we will: replace the current HVAC system with a more climate friendly alternative, resulting in improvements in air quality and subsequently public health due to the reduction in harmful emissions from the propane system; we will install an on-site composting system at the largest producer of food waste on the reservation, which will result in cost savings due to reduced disposal costs, and the conservation of resources that improves overall sustainability upstream and downstream; and, we will develop adequate and efficient building energy codes, leading to a reduction of energy consumption, and therefore substantial cost savings and emissions reduction. Additionally, we look forward to working with our fellow tribes in UCUT to implement the measures proposed in our joint UCUT proposal, including addressing building energy across residences and commercial buildings, reducing transportation emissions, and collaborating on strategies for codes and management plans that will reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Funding the UCUT submission will allow us to continue our regional environmental leadership providing an educational example to our tribal communities and the surrounding communities through our actions; additionally, we can look forward to improved air quality, lower energy

costs, and more climate-resilient communities, helping realize a more sustainable future for our people. Providing funding for UCUT to allocate as we have determined will also support tribal self-governance of our own tribal territories.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of connected loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Chief J. Allan  
Chairman, Coeur d'Alene Tribe