

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

February 29, 2024

Dear Mr. Regan,

The Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water, and the Environment (Climate Institute) is a supporter of Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) and is dedicated to the efforts they are putting forth to reduce their carbon footprint through the collaborative Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Projects. The Climate Institute has successfully created and implemented workforce development programs such as the Gonzaga Professional Certificate in Climate Action Planning, which trains participants in the fundamentals of creating and implementing climate action plans with a focus on environmental justice and community engagement.

We are grateful for the opportunity to support UCUT through building partnerships which support such important endeavors focused on reducing pollution and elevating healthy living for all. Furthermore, we are especially excited that we can assist in incorporating high labor standards, emphasizing job quality, support equitable workforce development, and support creation of living wage jobs in tribal communities.

We wholly recommend funding their grant application and are dedicated to assisting them in achieving their goals.

Sincerely,



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