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Michael Fong
Director
Washington State Department of Commerce
1011 Plum Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions

Dear Director Fong:

On behalf of Seattle Central College, I commit to partnering on the programs outlined in your grant application, *Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions*, for the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program's (CPRG) Implementation Grants through the lifetime of the project period (up to five years after funds are awarded). Seattle Central College is committed to the goals of this grant application to implement ambitious, scalable measures to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and substantial community benefits across the transportation, built environment, and waste management sectors in alignment with Washington State's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

The grant application includes support for the Seattle Central College EcoDistrict, a conversion of the district energy system at the college from fossil-fueled steam to an all-electric, high efficiency system. The Seattle Central EcoDistrict is an important milestone for our college and for our state's higher education institutions. This project will result in saving over 1886 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually, an amazing 95% reduction in the college's GHG footprint. This investment will also increase the resilience of campus infrastructure in our instructional spaces.

I understand that part of their CPRG grant will be used to develop new workforce training programs for clean building professionals. Our sister college, South Seattle College, has the Sustainable Building Science Technology department which offers an array of degree and certificate programs. The EcoDistrict will serve as a teaching laboratory for their programs.

For these reasons, Seattle College commits to partnering with the Washington State Department of Commerce on its application for the CPRG Implementation Grants to accelerate the state's implementation of its climate goals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley Lane", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Bradley Lane,
Seattle Central College