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Michael Fong
Director
Washington State Department of Commerce
1011 Plum Street SE
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RE: Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions

Dear Director Fong:

On behalf of Western Washington University, we commit to supporting 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). Western Washington University 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).

Western is eager to undertake these important projects with funding support from the CPRG program which will deliver significant energy efficiency improvement to our Chemistry and Biology Lab buildings, along with building automation control improvements across six other buildings on our campus. These projects, all in combination, will significantly reduce the overall campus energy demand, utility costs and our Greenhouse Gas footprint.

Besides the technical aspects, this project further serves the university by providing "Living Lab" opportunities for our students plus a healthier and more comfortable environment for our campus and the broader community. We believe that through the CPRG program, Western can set a precedent for how educational institutions can lead by example in the fight against climate change and the pursuit of a more sustainable future.

For these reasons, Western Washington University strongly supports 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 that reads "Sabah Randhawa".

Sabah Randhawa
President