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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 the City of Tenino and Thurston County Economic Development Council (EDC), we 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). The City of Tenino and the EDC are 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).

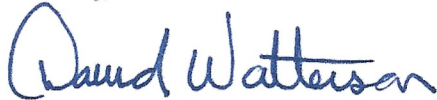
Installation of the anaerobic digester (AD) system will be at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant adjacent to the Southwest Washington Agricultural Business & Innovation Park (Ag Park)<sup>1</sup>, an integrated multi-tenant business park focused on value-added, agricultural/food related enterprises. The AD will receive food waste from the Ag Park tenants and will process 500 tons per year of food waste, reduce emissions by about 0.67 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per ton, and avoid 335 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per year. The Ag Park was created with the coordinated support of over 40 partner organizations, with consideration of the agricultural needs of the entire Southwest Washington region. We appreciate and acknowledge that the grant if awarded will fund the AD and the project will be managed by Commerce and a third party implementer. We look forward to the opportunity to review the grant agreement. The city understands that its financial obligation is

limited to providing space to site the AD system, staff time to process permits, and general guidance.

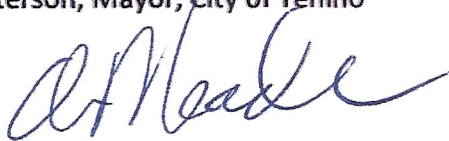
The AD project is part of a citywide sustainable infrastructure plan that is a model for resiliency, innovation, and economic development. The city's High School has been designated as the city's resiliency hub with a solar and battery storage microgrid. This project will work with the microgrid and the High School resiliency plan by providing locally generated renewable power and digestate for local organic food production. Partnering with the Ag Park tenants, their customers (restaurants) and the surrounding agricultural community will create a resilient circular economy that will help meet the Ag Park's goal of increasing the viability of regional food and farm businesses.

For these reasons, the City of Tenino and the EDC commit 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,

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Dave Watterson, Mayor, City of Tenino

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Aslan Meade, Director of Strategic Alliances, Thurston EDC