



March 20, 2024

Maria Redmond
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
101 E Wilson St
Madison, WI 53703

Subject: WTCAC Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) submitted by State of Wisconsin Department of Administration through the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE). We are pleased to endorse the OSCE's efforts, as described in this application, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementing measures in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap.

Given Wisconsin's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in the OSCE's ability to develop and achieve the objectives laid out in the application and believe they will lead to important emissions reduction while mobilizing collective power to address historic injustice, create new jobs, and spur transformative climate action. The State of Wisconsin, through the OSCE, has a commendable track record of effectively utilizing state and federal grants while actively engaging with low-income and disadvantaged communities. Under the leadership of Governor Tony Evers, and through the OSCE, Wisconsin has demonstrated a strong commitment to achieving economy-wide carbon neutrality.

Throughout the period of this grant, we will work closely with the WI OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Our organization feels strongly about the need for collective action related to pollution reduction implementation. We recognize there are inherent environmental, health, financial, political, societal, and economic benefits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our communities. This funding will help WI rapidly transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council provides a forum for the eleven (11) federally recognized Tribes in Wisconsin on natural resource and agricultural issues on Tribal lands. WTCAC works in partnership with the USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Service to address the following conservation concerns: water and air quality, soil health, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and weather resilience from climate impacts.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Wisconsin to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at (920) 639-7457 or jmears@wtcac.org. Thank you again for the opportunity to support this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeffrey Mears' in a cursive script.

Jeffrey Mears
WTCAC Executive Director