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

Subject: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Letter of Commitment

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 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 the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration through the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE). The DNR is strongly committed to our role in implementing and administering the Small Engine Replacement Program measure included in Wisconsin's application.

Throughout the period of this grant, the DNR will work closely with the OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as outlined in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap. The DNR is committed to administering the Small Engine Replacement Program (Measure 4), which advances the Roadmap priority of advancing clean transportation, fuels and infrastructure. The program would offer rebate incentives to replace gas or diesel-powered riding and push mowers with zero emission manual or electric mowers in counties designated as nonattainment for ozone or particulate matter air quality standards. The replacement of small gasoline-powered equipment provides an opportunity for Wisconsin to simultaneously address greenhouse gas emissions and important air pollutants like particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and air toxins, which tend to disproportionately impact low-income and disadvantaged communities.

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 reductions that also 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.

The DNR is committed to actively partnering with the OSCE to advance the shared goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Wisconsin through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

Steven Little  
Deputy Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources