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

Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The Financial Education programs of the UW-Madison Division of Extension support 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, create high quality jobs, and address historic injustice. 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

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communities. This funding will help WI rapidly transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

As purveyors of financial education programs across Wisconsin we have become more aware of the impacts of climate change on family finances. As extreme heat, droughts, floods, and the incidence of tornadoes increase in our state families need to be prepared for increased energy costs and emergency expenses that could arise due to damages to their homes. We are eager to partner with OSCE to help individuals and families mitigate and prevent the worst effects of climate change.

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.

Sincerely,

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