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

Subject: Letter of Commitment

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies (the CommNS) 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, 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 communities. This funding will help WI rapidly transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

The CommNS is committed to supporting the OSCE's efforts by conducting an evaluation of the WI CAN effort, which includes the following:

- Developing evaluation questions, process and outcome, that guide inquiry for continuous learning and informed adaptation and determination of the project's impacts for individuals, communities, and the environment.

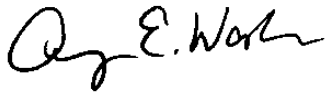
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- Preparing qualitative and quantitative data collection instruments to answer the evaluation questions, including instruments for participant observation, interviews and surveys of WI CAN participants, selection and review of archival and media materials, and identification of relevant secondary data sources.
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis throughout the course of the project, with a focus on examining the process of collective impact and systems-focused outcomes.
- Facilitating the collaborative discussion of results with OSCE partners and the broader WI CAN network to interpret findings and apply them to continuous adaptation and improvement.
- Dissemination evaluation results annually and at project conclusions for multiple audiences and in multiple formats, including comprehensive reports, summary briefs and infographics, and social media materials.

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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