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Maria Redmond
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy
101 E Wilson St
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Subject: Letter of Support for State of Wisconsin CPRG Application

Dear Ms. Redmond:

On behalf of Elevate Energy (Elevate), I am pleased to offer this Letter of Support for 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). We are pleased to support the OSCE's efforts, as described in its application, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementing measures in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap.

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. Wisconsin has demonstrated a strong commitment to achieving economy-wide carbon neutrality.

Throughout the period of this grant, Elevate will work closely with the OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create high quality jobs, and address historic injustice. Elevate feels strongly about the need for collective action related to climate pollution reduction implementation.

For over 20 years, Elevate has been working to create a just and equitable world in which everyone has clean and affordable heat, power, and water in their homes and communities. Elevate works across Wisconsin and the Midwest to design and implement energy efficiency, solar, building decarbonization, and workforce development projects. Elevate programs lower costs, protect the environment, and benefit Wisconsin residents who need them most. Elevate's housing retrofit programs in disadvantaged communities reduce energy bills while improving health and safety and preserving critically needed affordable homes. Elevate's workforce development programs include contractor accelerators to help small contracting companies grow their businesses and workforce training to train individuals to enter the clean energy field. To date, Elevate has improved nearly 240,000 units of affordable housing, created over 1,500



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jobs, saved families over \$120 million and avoided over 262,000 metric tons of carbon through our programs.

Elevate believes the program design of the OSCE application will center equity and serve Wisconsin's disadvantaged communities. Elevate will support the program through technical assistance related to Tribal investments, building weatherization, workforce development and emissions reduction planning and tracking. 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,

Anne Evens

Chief Executive Officer

Elevate Energy