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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 Grainger Institute for Engineering, in the College of Engineering, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison 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 using 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.

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

The Clean Energy Community Initiative is a growing network of clean energy partners led by the College of Engineering, Department of Life Sciences Communication, and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Together, we will listen, discover, design, mobilize, and speed up Wisconsin’s transition to a strong clean energy economy. Our mission is to accelerate Wisconsin’s clean energy transition by discovering community values, needs, and priorities while building a multi-sector network in which industry, entrepreneurship, policy, research, and community converge, positioning our state to secure a comprehensive funding portfolio and become a growing, evolving clean energy ecosystem with long-term sustainability.

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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