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Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
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RE: Letter of Commitment for the State Transportation Electrification application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG) - EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Dear Michael Dowd:

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), I am writing to express my strong support for Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) application for EPA CPRG Implementation grant funds to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, a major source of GHGs in Virginia. As a partnering organization, we commit to the implementation of a zero-emissions (ZE) bus program in alignment with the technical description detailed in this grant application.

DRPT will administer a ZE bus program to complement its existing Capital Program. DRPT uses an FTA-compliant prioritization process to allocate resources to transit capital projects across the Commonwealth. Through this process, DRPT allocates more than \$300 million annually. DRPT will use the existing framework of our Capital program to prioritize vehicle purchases based on state and federal transit asset management standards, but to use CPRG funding to meet the demand for ZE vehicles. CPRG funding tied to DRPT's Capital program would allow us to meet urban-area demand for replacement vehicles while mitigating startup cost-burdens for rural agencies.

DRPT understands that we will be both a partner and subrecipient to DEQ if funding for the proposed activities in this application is awarded. Under EPA's CPRG Program, subawards must be consistent with the definition of that term in 2 CFR 200.1 and comply with EPA's Subaward Policy. As a subrecipient DRPT will be accountable to DEQ for proper use of EPA funding, and we commit to fulfilling the subaward reporting requirements to DEQ.

We are aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to successfully leverage funding through EPA's CPRG implementation grant program to advance critical environmental, climate, and public health solutions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. We are also committed to prioritizing disadvantaged and underserved communities within the Commonwealth and throughout the implementation of this grant.

Sincerely,

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