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Submitted Electronically

TO: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air and Radiation
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FROM: Matt Lehman, Mayor
Shakopee, Minnesota

RE: Letter of Support for the Metropolitan Council's Application for the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington MSA
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the City of Shakopee, I am writing in support of the Metropolitan Council's application to the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program for the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington MSA. As the statutorily defined regional planning agency for the 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area, the Metropolitan Council is uniquely positioned to lead this effort on behalf of the broader MSA.

The project activities and key deliverables required for this grant align with the City of Shakopee's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which includes goals to create a sustainable and resilient community in the face of climate change and natural disasters. The city is committed to creating responsible environmental change while focusing on renewable energy and resource-efficient systems. Although we have included climate action goals within the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the city lacks a full climate action plan. We are hopeful funds received will allow the City of Shakopee to further its climate change and pollution reduction goals within our community. We believe these regional efforts will help us in achieving our goals and look forward to participating in this effort.

We appreciate the Metropolitan Council for pursuing this opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Matt Lehman
Mayor
City of Shakopee, Minnesota