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Director Shambarger,

On behalf of the City of Wauwatosa's Mayor and Common Council I'm writing to support the City of Milwaukee's application for funding under the 2024 EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to implement projects that reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) as part of a coalition of municipalities and jurisdictions in the Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metropolitan Area. Wauwatosa was active in the CPRG Planning efforts led by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and encourages EPA to make this transformational investment of just under \$10,000,000 to support implementation and major GHG reductions.

Wauwatosa has a long history fighting pollution. Our citizen advisory committee on recycling, now the Sustainability Committee, formed in the early 1970s and continues today, with a broader focus on sustainability. Since 2010 we have cut municipal emissions by 40% through building efficiency, LED street lighting, and solar arrays on our City Hall, Library, and our Public Works facility. In 2020 Wauwatosa's Common Council resolved to obtain 25% of municipal energy from renewable sources by 2025, and to achieve community-wide carbon neutrality by 2050. Support from this grant will certainly help make huge strides toward obtaining our goals.

If awarded, we anticipate signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Milwaukee to be a subrecipient on this project, and we have the accounting systems in place to handle federal grants. We will use grant funding to hire one of the three Community Environmental Sustainability Manager positions in the Department of Public Works and share that staff person with other participating communities. In that role, the Community Environmental Sustainability Manager will help our community publicly act to reduce greenhouse gasses and incorporate environmental sustainability in our operations. The position will report to the Director of Public Works and advance our climate and sustainability agenda. The Manager will share time in other communities and meet regularly with the City of Milwaukee Environmental Collaboration Office to coordinate on regional projects. We will pursue other grants or local funds to endeavor to sustain this shared position beyond the period of the grant and well into the future.

Additionally, if awarded, our City will endeavor to work with We Energies to subscribe to major new investments in renewable energy through the Renewable Pathways Program. Under this proposal, the grant will pay for the





first four years of the program. Our community would subscribe to the fifth year and possibly beyond using local funds. We will also work together on shared sustainability priorities including a regional network of EV charging stations, commercial building energy efficiency, and other strategies.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or if you have any questions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Simpson'.

David Simpson, P.E.
Director of Public Works
City of Wauwatosa

