

To: EPA Office of Air and Radiation [[CPRG@epa.gov](mailto:CPRG@epa.gov)]

From: [Authorized Official's Name, Title, Jurisdiction]

Subject: Support for Metro's Notice of Intent to Participate in CPRG Planning Grant for the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro OR-WA Metro Area

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support Metro as the lead agency for the Climate Pollution Reduction planning grant for the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro OR-WA metropolitan area.

Many communities in our region have a strong track record of working to reduce GHG emissions, and this grant will build on that track record to strengthen leadership and coordination on climate issues throughout the region. Some communities have long had climate plans in place, while others are only getting started. The plans that are in place often focus on different sectors and use different practices to inventory emissions and identify reductions. This grant funding will help us create a consistent, region-wide framework for prioritizing the most impactful GHG reduction emissions under which different partners all have a role to play in contributing to the collective impact.

[If desired, add information about your community's climate activities and how you hope this grant will support them]

Metro has experience and technical expertise in reducing GHG emissions, particularly in sectors like transportation, land use and solid waste, where Metro has been coordinating with partners to develop regional GHG reduction strategies for years. More importantly, Metro is an established convener that has a track record of engaging government, business and community partners to develop implementation-ready solutions to our region's most pressing problems. This makes Metro well-positioned to engage all communities within the region in developing a climate action plan that covers all sectors and supports agency and community partners across the region in advancing their work on climate change.

I look forward to working with Metro and EPA on this project.

Sincerely,

[signature, name and title]