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**Receipt required by September 21, 2023**

*[Use your community or organization’s letterhead and include name, address, and website]*

*[Insert date]*

The Honorable Michael Regan

Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Room 3426 WJC North Washington, DC 20460

Subject: EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Recovery Fund CCIA program - Community Letter of Support for Appalachian Community Capital’s Green Bank for Rural America

Dear Administrator Regan:

We are pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment as a workforce development partner that is deeply interested in engaging in Appalachian Community Capital’s Green Bank for Rural American application to the EPA Clean Communities Investment Accelerator program. As a workforce organization, we express our high level of interest in the program vision outlined by Appalachian Community Capital (ACC) to accelerate green energy lending through its Green Bank for Rural America program. It is our intent to work with the Green Bank partnership network to prepare local residents for high quality job opportunities resulting from financed projects that reduce the carbon footprint of our community, located in [INSERT Town/County, State].

The Green Bank for Rural America will focus on Appalachian, Coal and Energy Communities: underserved rural communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the closure of fossil fuel producing mines and power plants. By focusing on communities impacted by power plant and mine closures and communities that face coal, oil, and natural gas transitions over the next several years, the Green Bank for Rural America will address environmental justice imperatives facing these communities across all ten EPA regions.

Located in EPA Region #, we would be well-positioned to take this opportunity to strengthen and restore our community. We have been affected by [*Coal or power plant closure, fossil fuel industry decline, rural disinvestment, population loss,etc*.]. *[Expand upon your community’s socioeconomic or energy profile here, using this tool* [*here*](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#13.13/38.98974/-80.22839) *(just enter your address and expand the map for your service area) or* [*here*](https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen) *(a bit more complex with a series of maps and criteria)*

The Green Bank for Rural America will act as an accelerator to engage with community stakeholders, to offer technical expertise, to leverage public and private resources, and to provide critical capitalization and technical assistance funding to finance clean technology projects and create quality jobs in target communities like ours.

Historically, org name – your organizational background (community college, workforce board union), types of training programs provided, including those related to clean energy projects and businesses. Discuss overall impacts: # persons trained, # persons hired, demographics, income profile of participants …

As a workforce development partner we expect to [*Insert types of training activities you will engage in as part of this program, including: 1) classroom training, 2) certifications / stackable credentials, 3) on the job training, 4) supportive employment services, 5) apprenticeship programs, and/or 5) other types of workforce development activities.*]

In conclusion, our community whole-heartedly supports ACC’s application to accelerate the economic transition in rural communities that have been most deeply impacted by the energy transition, and strongly urge the EPA to support their proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Name*

*Title*

*Community Name*

*Email address*

*Telephone number*