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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Regional Clean Electricity Plan for Local Governments in Metro Atlanta in the fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Atlanta Regional Commission located at 229 Peachtree St NE, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303. The funding would be used to empower local governments with the information needed to lead the way to a clean energy future through their own buildings and operations. Local governments have the unique potential to make decisions with the communities they represent about clean electricity. Identifying and then pursuing cost-effective opportunities will benefit communities in terms of their finances, their health, and their contribution to a healthy environment in the region. This would be the first time any regional planning has been performed in metro Atlanta with a focus on clean electricity opportunities for local governments. By establishing a baseline for electricity use, setting an aspirational goal, and then identifying opportunities, this plan will help metro Atlanta move its path towards a clean electricity future.

This regional plan would identify clean electricity, energy efficiency, and energy management opportunities in local government buildings and operations needed to achieve the goal of local governments using 100% clean electricity by 2035. The first step would be to inventory the electricity usage in the sector and establish a baseline. The second step would be to identify energy efficiency, energy management, and on-site generation opportunities. The third step would consider offsets and other ways to procure clean electricity. The fourth step would be to perform an economic analysis to determine the benefits and costs of the various approaches. The fifth step would be to identify projects where the benefits exceed the costs and funding opportunities for such projects. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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