

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 14, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write in support of the application from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG). We urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

Pennsylvania has long been central to the United States' industrial might and a key part of our global economic competitiveness, propelling the Nation through the industrial revolution. The Commonwealth's strong industrial history has also provided family-sustaining jobs for generations of Americans. As it stands today, with the influx of federal investments and the adoption of new technologies, the Commonwealth's industrial sector represents one of the largest decarbonization opportunities of our time.

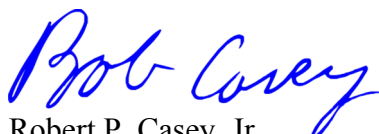
The Reducing Industrial Sector Emissions in Pennsylvania (RISE PA) Program will help put Pennsylvania at the forefront of our Nation's industrial decarbonization movement. RISE PA, a comprehensive approach to industrial decarbonization, will simultaneously promote the manufacture and use of low-carbon industrial materials, decarbonize carbon-intensive industries, create good jobs, and bring real benefit to historically disadvantaged communities. This project will help reduce carbon emissions through several type of shovel-ready projects including onsite renewable energy; fugitive emissions reductions; carbon capture and utilization; the use of low carbon fuels; and industrial electrification, efficiency, and process emissions reductions. The program has the potential to reduce 9,176,810 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent from 2025 to 2050.

PA RISE, which has been designed with scalable components, will be able to achieve the maximum impact with the maximum award. Through tiered award tracks, PA DEP will leverage a generous state match to target large-, medium-, and small-scale projects. We believe the request for the maximum award size is justified by the fact that achieving substantial industrial sector emissions reductions in Pennsylvania will cost tens of billions of dollars in total and PA DEP is the applicant best positioned to leverage funds throughout the Commonwealth and ensure maximum impact from such a transformational opportunity.

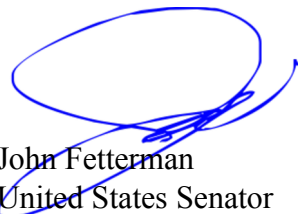
PA RISE is also taking seriously the importance of workers in our Nation's decarbonization movement. I am told that PA RISE projects must meet prevailing wage standards and apprenticeship requirements that support good wages and career paths.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, we also respectfully request that you keep us informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Rory Daly on the staff of Senator Casey at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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