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**Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund - National Clean Investment Fund**  
**Clean Communities Investment Partnership**  
**Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support**

September 25, 2023

Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc.  
11000 Broken Land Pkwy  
Columbia, MD 21044

Re: Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support  
Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application  
Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23

Dear Mr. Matusiak,

The Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) is pleased to support the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners— Enterprise Community Partners, Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity. The coalition is designed to couple tailored financial products with software solutions and complementary partnerships that will build demand for single- and multi-family home electrification in low-income communities and beyond.

COLT embraces equitable access to residential electrification as critical to our own work on behalf of Indian Country. We believe that CCIP presents a detailed and compelling vision to effectively remove barriers, build markets and help Native American households (whether they rent or own) at every income level—but particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities—afford



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the transition from fossil fuels to clean, efficient and electric appliances, vehicles, solar and battery storage.

The Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) was formally established in early April 2011, and is comprised of Tribes with large land base, including the Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation • Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Oglala Sioux Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe • Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Shoshone Bannock Tribes • Spokane Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe. Since its establishment, COLT has been an active voice on Indian land, energy, and other areas important to large tribes.

COLT tribes consist of tribes that have a land base of 100,000 acres of land or more, of which, of the 574 Federally recognized Tribes, more than 50 tribes meet this criteria; and these tribes control 95 percent of tribal lands and consist of one half of the Native population. COLT's mission is providing a unified advocacy base for tribes that govern large trust land bases and provide full service in the governing of their members and reservations.

The work to accelerate the electrification of all American households—and the CCIP's approach to achieve that mission—is in line with our own mission by lowering the cost of living for low- to moderate-income households; reducing harm and improve community health; advancing environmental justice and civil rights; and creating new, skilled jobs as a means of community uplift.

We are particularly impressed with the scope of this proposed work, which both reflects an understanding of many of the systemic barriers to this clean energy transition and smartly addresses them one by one—from connecting Americans directly to incentives and contractors and organizing households ready for this transition to spur the market, to providing various financing tools aimed at maximizing affordability.

COLT has entered into discussions with CCIP and has established ongoing conversations about how the populations we serve will benefit from this combined effort. If awarded, we are prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP's proposed participatory governance structure



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alongside other community leaders. To this electrification effort, we anticipate supporting outreach across the entire United States, with a strong focus on low-income/J40 households over the seven-year window of NCIF.

We view our work at the tribal level as a compact of trust between us and the people we serve, with special regard for large land base tribes that have unique opportunities and issues that stem from geographic distances. Our anticipated engagement with CCIP to implement its proposed GGRF-supported programming, tools and financing solutions is rooted in our shared expectations for accountability to both those we serve and the taxpayers whose investments must yield progress for people and the planet.

If you have questions about our support for this application for funding from CCIP, please contact Oliver (OJ) Semans Sr, Executive Director by email [tateota@hotmail.com](mailto:tateota@hotmail.com) or by phone 605-828-1422.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes  
Member, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council