



April 7, 2023

Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Air and Radiation
Washington, DC 20002

On behalf of the City of Commerce City (C3), I am sending this letter of support for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant submittal to the US Environmental Protection Agency by the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Commerce City residents are impacted by cumulative exposures from industrial pollution, legacy pollution, landfill emissions, and vehicle exhaust from three major highways. The comparisons below are a snapshot of 2022 emissions:

Criteria Pollutants

- PM 10 - Adams County has 27 times the emission of Denver County (773 tons per year)
- PM 2.5 - Adams County has 28 times the emission of Denver County (453 tons per year)
- NOx - Adams County has 22 times the emission of Denver County (453 tons per year)
- VOC – Adams County has 24 times the emission of Denver County (453 tons per year)

Hazardous Air Pollutants

- Acetaldehyde, benzene, toluene, and xylenes - 24 times the emissions of Denver County (406 tons per year)

Over the past year, Commerce City has established a permanent citizen's Environmental Policy Advisory Board and published a Sustainability Action Plan with ten measurable targets. The residential and business community provided 151 recommendations. Commerce City would like a "high-quality" level of participation and engagement with DRCOG staff in preparing the Climate Action Plan and would be thrilled to have a new resource available to businesses in our community and is interested in exploring partnerships with the MSA to support regional outreach and assistance if the grant is received.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor