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Subject: Letter of Commitment for Consumers Energy's ("CE") Proposal in Response to DE-FOA-0002740 "BIL – Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP)" Topic Area 1

Dear Jennifer:

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer this letter of support for Consumers Energy's (CE) proposal titled "Sectionalization & Circuit Improvements to Mitigate Outage Impacts for Disadvantaged Communities." Consumers Energy has a record of not just delivering clean, reliable, affordable power and investing in communities equitably, but has also partnered with us in the past to support economic growth in the Lansing region and many small businesses that were severely disadvantaged during the COVID pandemic.

Our organization supports the objectives of this grant-funded proposal to ensure that all communities are prepared for the adverse impacts of severe storms with a flexible and resilient grid while sustaining 60+ high-paying jobs from within the state of Michigan. Additionally, CE's plans to support the development of a local "energy-ready" site to attract industrial and commercial businesses to the area will help further spur economic development. Taken altogether, this project aligns well with our priorities of catalyzing economic development in Lansing and providing citizens with strong work and business opportunities.

The Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce looks forward to supporting the Consumers Energy team on this effort and encourages the Department of Energy to fund the project.

Sincerely,

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