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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

December 17, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing in support of the City of Shoreline's application for funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIR) Grant Program. The City of Shoreline is requesting funding for the "Shoreline Reuse Center" project.

The City of Shoreline is home to more than 56,000 people. Shoreline is located in north King County bordering the City of Seattle. The Shoreline community is committed to preserving the environment as well as diversity, equity and social justice. This is emphasized through the city's Climate Action Plan as well as the City Council's passage of Resolution 401, declaring Shoreline to be an inviting, equitable and safe community for all.

With SWIR funding, Shoreline will establish a Reuse Center designed to serve as a central hub for collecting, repurposing, and recycling waste from both local businesses and residents. The project will also include building facilities for storing and selling salvaged materials, expanding the existing community tool library and bike shop, and providing space for local reuse and repair organizations. These organizations will also be able to offer additional services and educational programs aimed at promoting waste reduction and sustainability.

Shoreline's Reuse Center is a significant investment that will enhance our region's climate resilience for years to come. The Reuse Center will divert over 700 tons of municipal waste and construction materials. It will also advance Shoreline's Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60%. The Center will support regional efforts to achieve zero waste of economically valuable resources by 2030.

For these reasons, I urge you to give full and due consideration to the City of Shoreline's application for funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (206) 674-0040 if you have any questions about my support for this grant application.

Sincerely,

PRAMILA JAYAPAL

Member of Congress