Dear <Title and Name>:

I am writing to encourage the < State of Ohio to participate in an important federal grant opportunity. Time is short – by March 31 each state must submit its Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP). The program is EPA’s [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants) (CPRG), which “supports the development and deployment of technologies and solutions that will reduce GHGs and harmful air pollution, as well as transition America to a clean energy economy that benefits all Americans.” This is important in our area because Washington County has the highest volume of brine waste injected into its ground in t the state. We need to make sure that our air is regularly monitored for impact of this harmful material

These initial grants are modest: $3M per state. But they’re noncompetitive (guaranteed), and are important because they will prepare each state to compete or be competitive for subsequent competitive grants, such as these:

* $27B: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
* $3B: Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants
* $5B: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
* $3.2B: Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program
* $1B: Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Class 6&7)
* $3B: Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports

**I encourage the state to submit a Notice of Intent to Participate before the March 31, 2023 deadline** for the noncompetitive planning grants, followed by applications and work plans a month later on April 28, 2023.

Sincerely,