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CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Chair  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
2188 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the nation's counties, cities and mayors, we write to express our strong opposition to any proposal to rescind federal funds intended for states and local governments. Specifically, we oppose H.R. 1023, which would eliminate the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and rescind the \$27 billion appropriated for the Fund in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Local governments are directly eligible for \$7 billion under the GGRF to award grants and loans for zero-emissions technologies in low-income and disadvantaged communities. If this bill is enacted, local governments across the country will lose access to critical funding needed to bring affordable clean energy to our residents.

The GGRF is split into two competitive grant programs. The first will provide \$19.97 billion to nonprofit financial organizations such as community development financial institutions (CDFIs), credit unions and green banks to provide loans and grants for greenhouse gas and air pollution-reduction programs. The second provides \$7 billion for local, state and tribal governments, as well as nonprofit financial institutions, to make grants and loans for the deployment of residential rooftop solar, community solar and related infrastructure.

While both programs are poised to serve as valuable catalysts in the adoption and advancement of zero-emissions technology, the \$7 billion program for which local governments are directly eligible is particularly critical to ensuring that low-income and disadvantaged communities, including rural communities, are not left behind in the energy transition and are able to access clean energy at an affordable rate.

Further, the GGRF will help local governments in meeting their greenhouse gas reduction goals by providing counties and cities with the tools necessary to incentivize renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements. Repealing the GGRF and blocking access to these resources will obstruct this work and undermine the intergovernmental partnership essential to increasing resiliency nationwide.

We appreciate your consideration of the local government perspective on this issue and strongly urge you to oppose H.R. 1023. We hope Congress will stand with local governments to prevent any proposed recoupment of already enacted resources. If you have any questions, please contact our staff: Sarah Gimont (NACo) at 202-942-4254 or [sgimont@naco.org](mailto:sgimont@naco.org); Carolyn Berndt (NLC) at 202-626-3101 or [Berndt@nlc.org](mailto:Berndt@nlc.org); or Judy Sheahan (USCM) at 202-355-8540 or [jsheahan@usmayors.org](mailto:jsheahan@usmayors.org)

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