

**JOINT LETTER OF SUPPORT**  
**from Local Governments, Nonprofit Organizations, and US-Based Companies**

In Developing Federal Opportunities and Support  
For Community Choice Aggregation Communities

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm,  
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The Honorable Michael Regan,  
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg,  
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Dear Secretary Granholm, Administrator Regan, and Secretary Buttigieg,

We encourage the U.S Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation to directly support the development of Community Choice Aggregation programs.

Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) is a community-driven energy supply model that enables bottom-up electricity transformation. CCA allows local governments to purchase and/or develop power on behalf of their residents and businesses. Currently, there are approximately 27.5 million people participating in a CCA program across eight states. In 2022, about 100 million megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity was procured by CCA communities, representing 7% of the US residential power consumption.

As outlined in LEAN Energy US’ [national CCA study](#), CCA is an efficient, equitable, and cost-effective policy tool for providing competitive pricing and renewable power to a large number of electricity consumers. Many CCAs have sparked the development of new and local renewable power, opt-out community solar, storage, wind and solar power facilities that can provide energy security for low-income and disadvantaged communities. CCAs have also enhanced transportation and building decarbonization. CCA initiatives are uniformly based on communities’ needs.

While CCA is a scalable model for federal agencies to reach their environmental, economic, and social targets, **CCA communities urgently need support from such agencies.**

As local governments, nonprofit organizations, and US-based companies, we endorse the efforts led by LEAN Energy US to seek support from the U.S Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation in developing CCA. Specifically, we ask such federal agencies to:

- **list CCA entities as eligible applicants to receive funds under federal agency programs;**
- **encourage all applicants to partner with CCAs particularly when community involvement is required, or when local grid challenges require tailored solutions and governance;**
- **join and support educational efforts led by CCA organizations and communities.**

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to continuing this important work with your offices.

Sincerely,

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