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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) appreciates the opportunity to work with you and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a wide variety of issues of interest and concern to local governments. More specifically, the Committee is grateful to have the opportunity to comment on EPA's Local Government Climate Adaptation Training. The LGAC stands ready to assist and support EPA in its efforts to distribute the training module to communities in urban and rural areas all across the nation.

The LGAC commends EPA's efforts to help local communities anticipate and prepare for a changing climate. We are committed to supporting EPA by distributing and publicizing this important training to local officials across the country. For example, we plan to utilize existing national, state, and local associations, such as the US Conference of Mayors, National Governors Association, National Association of Counties, and others, to encourage local officials to take the training themselves and distribute it more widely in their communities.

As a follow-on activity, the LGAC recommends that EPA create a neighborhood training module. A more localized version of the module would enable local officials to engage neighborhood organizations in discussions about the risks climate change poses to the things they value, and the critical role they play helping the entire community address those risks. We look forward to working with EPA in your creation of the neighborhood training module.

We commend EPA's ongoing efforts to address climate change, and we look forward to providing assistance as you continue to partner with states, tribes, and local communities to build resilience and adapt to climate change.

Sincerely,

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