

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

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Dear Directors Mahoney and Keller,

As the U.S. House Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I respectfully request full and fair consideration of the Climate + Energy Project's Energy Navigators proposal for funding consideration by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Building Technologies Office's (BTO) Buildings Upgrades Prize (Buildings UP).

Commercial and residential buildings in the U.S. account for 35 percent of the country's carbon emissions. Additionally, buildings consume 75 percent of the nation's electricity and 40 percent of the nation's total energy. Existing buildings must be upgraded in order to meet national energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, but the implementation of such upgrades can be complicated, costly, and disruptive. Support and resources from the DOE are vital for rapid and equitable clean energy building upgrades.

For more than 15 years, Climate + Energy Project has been connecting people, organizations, and ideas in Kansas to co-create equitable and productive solutions to climate change. Their Energy Navigator proposal seeks to build equitable and community-driven pathways to reduce households' energy burden through home efficiency and weatherization upgrades in Kansas communities. If awarded the funding, the project will build capacity in community-based non-profit organizations working in historically underserved neighborhoods to promote equitable energy-efficient measures.

I kindly request that the BTO and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory give full and fair consideration to the Climate + Energy Project's "Energy Navigator" proposal for Buildings UP. Should you have any questions, please contact Patrick Hampton in my office at Patrick.Hampton@mail.house.gov or (913) 621-0832.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress