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Madison Economic Development Committee:

I respectfully submit these comments about the City's proposed Building Energy Savings Program (BESP) on behalf of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change (OECC). The Office of Energy & Climate Change authored the County's 2020 Climate Action Plan and is leading efforts to reduce emissions both in county operations and on a countywide basis. Madison's proposed BESP will affect both county facilities located in Madison and the county's broader climate goals.

Relative to our operations, sixteen Dane County buildings will fall under the BESP with four of our facilities being subject only to the benchmarking requirement and a dozen of our facilities requiring benchmarking and tune-ups every four years.

Dane County already benchmarks its building energy use via ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager and other software tools. Indeed, we benchmark numerous facilities that are smaller than 25,000 square feet as well as various County facilities located outside of the City of Madison.

Relative to tune-ups, Dane County has existing efforts to increase the energy efficiency of its buildings and to reduce emissions. In the 2022 budget County Executive Joe Parisi set the goal that Dane County facilities, fleet and land operations be carbon neutral by 2030. As part of that effort we are currently conducting a Comprehensive Energy Assessment of Dane County facilities to create a roadmap to deep decarbonization. We anticipate implementing energy efficiency and electrification projects identified in that assessment over coming years. Relative to the tune-up requirement, we appreciate that the BESP proposal enables entities with a substantial building portfolio (as is the case with Dane County) to propose our own tune-up schedule. That flexibility will enable us to address the best opportunities first in our ongoing energy efficiency efforts.

Relative to Dane County's broader countywide climate action goals, I would simply note that Madison's efforts to encourage benchmarking and energy efficiency efforts across larger commercial buildings will contribute to Dane County's climate goals as well as the City's own goals.

Thank you,

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