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**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Letter of Support for NREL  
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See below, would you have any issue with Maggie doing a letter?

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From: **Maggie Ullman** <[maggieullman@avlcouncil.com](mailto:maggieullman@avlcouncil.com)>  
Date: Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 5:54 PM  
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Is there a process for the city to decide on sending a letter or support? They need it by this week. If there is anything against saying I can't send one as a stand alone councilwoman?

Many thanks,  
Maggie



Maggie Ullman (she/her)  
Asheville City Council  
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Subject: Fwd: Draft Letter of Support for NREL  
To: Maggie Ullman <[maggieullman@avlcouncil.com](mailto:maggieullman@avlcouncil.com)>

Hi Maggie,

Thank you so much for organizing a letter of support from Mtn Biz works and the Chamber? Would you be willing to send one as well?  
I've included one that Brownie is submitting.

We are also including the resumes of BHP members so if you could include that it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you gain,  
Michelle

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**Jaime Matthews**  
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**June 10, 2024**

**To: National Environmental Renewable Laboratory**

**From: Brownie Newman, Buncombe County Commission Chairman**

**Re: The application for an in-depth partnership with Blue Horizon's Project in Buncombe County for the NREL's C2C program.**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Land of Sky on behalf of the Blue Horizon's Project. The mission of the BHP is already deeply aligned with the mission of the National Environmental Renewable Laboratory (NREL) to achieve the objectives of national energy adaptability autonomy, resiliency and sustainability.

The Blue Horizon Project is a collaboration of residents with Buncombe County, the City of Asheville and Duke Energy to reach 100% renewable energy by 2042. In 2023, these community partners developed a strategic plan which identifies initiatives to encourage the rapid adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency by businesses and industrial facilities, along with other sectors of our community. The in-depth partnership with NREL would enable a more robust and technical engagement with the private sector to encourage voluntary adoption of the cleaner and more efficient energy systems.

Buncombe Count is the most populous county in western North Carolina. Our organization is committed to the transition to clean, renewable energy through the on-site installation of renewable energy, building electrification, demand management strategies and other innovations on both public sector facilities and on a community-wide basis.

We support the Blue Horizons Community Council in their pursuit of a grant from NREL as part of our overall community clean energy strategy.

Sincerely,



Brownie Newman,

Chairman, Buncombe County Commission