

**From:** Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Feedback Letter 100% renewable plan.docx  
**To:** Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>; Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Sent:** April 28, 2023 2:10 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Feedback Letter 100% renewable plan\_4\_28.pdf, Feedback Letter 100% renewable plan\_4\_28.docx

Thanks, Bridget.

These edits look great. A clean version with the accepted changes is attached.

From what I understand, we are ready to send this whenever you are. Just let us know once you've given your internal heads-up.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 12:29 PM  
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Hi all,

We made edits to focus our overall comments at a higher level and lead with recognition of the work that has done. When do you want to send this out? I want to give a heads up internally before we share with Sam.

Cheers,  
Bridget

On Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 2:59 PM Jeremiah P. LeRoy <[Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org)> wrote:

Thanks Jackie. This is very well done. There was only a minor add from me. I feel like it is important to be up front that if this document isn't significantly improved that we simply cannot support it and/or endorse its recommendations. Y'all tell me if it's too much.

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## Sustainability Office

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