I nominate myself for one of the ***non-voting community-based seat*** **in the Equity Working Group.**

In support of this self-nomination, I note:

1. I currently serve as a Senior Project Analyst at New Buildings Institute, where I have worked for the past two years. In this role, I lead the Advance Water Heating Initiative's Equity Working Group, facilitating discussions on equitable energy transitions and supporting cross-sector engagement on how electrification and decarbonization strategies can better serve low-income and affordable housing communities. My work focuses on advancing equity-centered research and practice in building decarbonization, including conducting and supporting research and translating findings into actionable strategies to ensure emerging clean energy technologies and policies are accessible, affordable, and beneficial for historically underserved populations.
2. I hold a PhD in Climate Change, with a focus on the socio-economics of communities, which has provided me with a strong interdisciplinary foundation for understanding the technical, policy, and social dimensions of the energy transition, particularly as they relate to equity, climate resilience, and decarbonization pathways.

I hope you will give my self-nomination your consideration.

Thank you,

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