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Ms. Johanna Levine  
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Re: Comment on Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP)  
Funding Plan – 2012-2013 – Support for Electrification  
Leadership Council Plan Proposal

Dear Ms. Levine:

UPS is committed to finding innovative ways to help improve our air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the global community we serve.

That is, in part, why UPS became part of the Electrification Leadership Council (ELC), which is committed to producing a replicable model of an Electric Vehicle (EV) Ecosystem that can demonstrate how these vehicles would operate, respond to customer needs and reduce emissions in California, and ultimately throughout the world. We are writing to specifically urge you to recommend to the California Air Resources Board approval of ELC's funding proposal for the Air Quality Improvement Program Funding Plan 2012-2013.

We think this effort – developed by the companies that make up the ELC – is a vital, well-timed step toward an increasingly sustainable EV transportation future.

A collaborative effort is needed among EV equipment manufacturers, fleet operators, utilities, policymakers and communities to create a model by which electric vehicles can be integrated into our transportation and freight movement industries.

Thus, the ELC was formed. The ELC is a coalition of key stakeholders throughout the EV supply chain who have the expertise and resources required to engage federal, state and regional agencies and coalitions, utility companies, vehicle manufacturers and financial institutions to help overcome the barriers to broad scale EV deployment.

In addition, the recent conversations surrounding the potential to include conversions of current diesel delivery vans to electric drive is of significant interest to our company. We see this as an important extension of the ELC Proposal that can allow fleet operators to field more zero emissions, all electric vehicles in a very cost effective manner.

Considering this proposal's overall potential to move ahead the electrification of transportation, we urge you to recommend to the CARB Board approval of the ELC's EV Ecosystem funding proposal.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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