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Ms. Mary Nichols, Chairwoman
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Dear Chairwoman ^{Mary} Nichols,

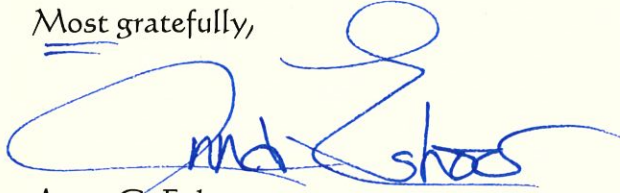
Thank you for your many years of extraordinary public service promoting clean air in California. Your work on behalf of consumers and our environment is unmatched. In particular, I appreciate your willingness to fight for California and hold Volkswagen accountable for the "Clean Diesel" scandal.

The Air Resources Board played a critical role in discovering this massive fraud and will play an important role in mitigating the damage caused by it over the next decade. The \$800 million investment in electric vehicle infrastructure required by the settlement agreement has the potential to significantly jumpstart this nascent industry. It will also help California remain the world's leader in electric vehicle deployment for decades to come. However, both state and federal regulators must ensure that the investments are subject to proper oversight to ensure that the funds are used in a way that promote competition, access, and consumer choice in this market.

As you are aware, concerns have been raised by some California state legislators and editorial boards regarding Volkswagen's proposed Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan which is currently pending before the Air Resources Board. Specifically, some have questioned whether Volkswagen's proposed Cycle 1 ZEV Plan meets the state's requirement that 35 percent of the investment be dedicated to disadvantaged, low-income, or disproportionately affected communities. I strongly support the state's commitment to invest these funds in underserved communities and I encourage the Board to continue to push for stations to be placed in areas that currently do not have access to this next-generation technology.

Volkswagen's \$800 million investment in California will play a critical role in our state's ability to reach the Governor's goal of 1.5 million ZEVs on California's roadways by 2025. In order to reach that goal, more communities must have access to ZEV infrastructure and the settlement is an excellent opportunity to make this a reality. I encourage you to ensure that Volkswagen's final plan meets this goal, and I thank you for your continuing commitment to protecting our environment.

Most gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna C. Eshoo". The signature is stylized and written over a horizontal line.

Anna C. Eshoo
Member of Congress