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**Electrify America Cycle 4 ZEV Investment Plan**

**Mercedes-Benz Testimony**

- Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Amy Lilly, and I am speaking on behalf of Mercedes-Benz USA. We support Electrify America's Cycle-4 California ZEV Investment Plan, and its approval by the Board today, so that investment can begin as soon as possible.
- Mercedes-Benz continues to pursue a path towards emission-free driving. Today, we offer five electric vehicles for sale in the U.S., two of which are produced in the U.S. Soon our electric Sprinter will also be available, and we will have more to come in the near future. As we expand our product offerings, and as customer adoption increases, one thing remains clear: chargers must keep pace with the ongoing introduction of ZEV vehicles. Indeed, Mercedes-Benz is rolling out our own charging network, but Electrify America's plans are critical to complement our efforts.
- Chargers also need to be strategically placed. Furthermore, we believe that charger reliability, charger upgrades, and charger maintenance are also very important. Electrify America's plan addresses these three critical areas.
- Like most of the industry, Mercedes-Benz is moving to adopt the North American Charging Standard (NACS) for our BEV vehicles. We embrace Electrify America's plans to continue to support the CCS-1 plug standard, and to offer NACS connectors at both new and legacy stations.
- In summary, Mercedes-Benz USA is firmly committed to bringing EVs to market, but we need charging in every California community in order to enable and expedite EV adoption. Therefore, we ask that CARB approve Electrify America's Cycle-4 ZEV Investment Plan.
- Thank you for considering our comments.

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