



October 8, 2019

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project

Dear Chair Nichols:

We urge you and the board to reject some of the proposed changes to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) that will be voted on at the October 24th board meeting. Please retain the existing incentives for battery electric vehicles and look at ways to make the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program more effective. As California struggles with reducing emissions and air pollutants from the transportation sector, now is not the time to reduce incentives to Californians looking to invest in clean cars.

As you know, transportation is California's leading source of greenhouse gas emissions at 40 percent and rising year after year. Passenger vehicles alone account for 28 percent of California's greenhouse gas emissions. The public health consequences are dire with 32 million Californians breathing in ozone or particle polluted air at some point each year. The American Lung Association estimated that in 2015 California suffered \$15 billion in health costs due to passenger vehicles, including respiratory illness, premature mortality, and lost workdays. In order to reverse this trend of worsening air quality and greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, California must invest in a variety of solutions including public transit, safe infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists, and clean cars.

The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project is California's premier incentive program to help transition Californians to clean cars. While California has a goal of 5 million zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) on the road by 2030, we are not on track to meet that goal. According to estimates from Veloz, California has approximately 626,824 ZEVs, of which roughly half have received CVRP rebates. Affordability is crucial to increasing adoption of clean vehicles and reducing the value of CVRP gets us further from that goal.

Thank you for all of your work on zero emission vehicles to date. We look forward to your continued leadership in clean air and clean transportation through a CVRP program that serves as a vital tool to helping consumers transition to truly zero-emission vehicles.

Sincerely,

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