



October 25, 2018

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

Subject: Letter of Support for Electrify America's Cycle 2 Plan

Dear Chair Nichols,

Valley CAN is a 501c3 public charity committed to improving air quality in communities throughout the San Joaquin Valley, one of the most polluted regions in the country. We lower transportation costs and improve the region's air quality by helping working families access cleaner vehicles through our Tune In & Tune Up smog repair events and the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program Plus-Up vehicle replacement program.

Valley CAN has been on record as strongly supporting the use of VW mitigation funds to encourage zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption while reducing criteria pollutant emissions from light-duty vehicles by accelerating fleet turnover in the disadvantaged communities where high-emitting vehicles are most likely to live and drive.

We have been impressed by Electrify America's very thorough and inclusive stakeholder process while developing their Cycle 2 plan. Our team has interacted with the Electrify America team frequently over the past eight months, and throughout this time they have proven themselves to be truly interested in finding cooperative solutions to increasing ZEV use.

The Electrify America team has thoughtfully responded to stakeholder input, specifically in the development of the disadvantaged and low income community (DAC/LIC) element.

After questions were raised about the amount budgeted to DAC/LIC outreach, Electrify America proposed an approach that could allocate funding based on the results of Cycle 1 DAC/LIC outreach. This kind of data-driven decision making has the potential to produce not only an equitable distribution of resources to the already overimpacted communities where the help is most needed, but could help to establish what tactics are most quantifiably effective in delivering clean transportation incentives to DAC/LIC residents.

Based on our interactions with Electrify America during the development of their Cycle 2 plan, as well as the contents of the Cycle 2 plan, Valley CAN strongly supports approval of the plan. We look forward to helping Electrify America maximize the value of their DAC/LIC investments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Knox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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