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Subject: Electrified transportation advocates urge you to approve the ACF rule without delay

Dear Chair Liane Randolph and Commissioners:

We, the 26 undersigned organizations representing tens of thousands of individuals dedicated to advancing equitable and rapid transportation electrification, are writing to urge you to adopt the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) rule at your upcoming meeting.

As you know, transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in California, and it is imperative that we take bold action to reduce these emissions if we are to meet our climate goals. The ACF rule will help us achieve these goals by requiring fleets to gradually transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) over time.

Transitioning commercial fleets to zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) will help California in several ways. Firstly, transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in California, and commercial fleets are a significant contributor to these emissions. By transitioning to ZEVs, commercial fleets can greatly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, which will help California meet its ambitious climate goals.

Secondly, ZEVs produce no tailpipe emissions. This is especially important in California, where air pollution is a significant public health concern, particularly in low-income communities and communities of color. By transitioning to ZEVs, we can greatly improve air quality, reduce respiratory illnesses, and save lives, especially in these vulnerable communities.

Thirdly, transitioning to ZEVs can create jobs in the clean energy sector and stimulate the economy. California is already a leader in the clean energy industry, and by transitioning commercial fleets to ZEVs, we can create even more jobs in this growing field.

Transitioning commercial fleets to zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) would improve electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure in California more broadly in several ways. By increasing demand for EV charging stations, the ACF would incentivize the development and installation of more charging infrastructure, which is particularly needed for residents of multi-family housing. This increased demand would also encourage investment in research and development of new and better EV charging technologies.

Transitioning commercial fleets to ZEVs would create a larger market for EV manufacturers, which would in turn encourage them to increase production of EVs. This increased production would help drive down the cost of EVs, making them more accessible and affordable for all consumers.

Furthermore, the adoption of ZEVs by commercial fleets would help to normalize the use of EVs, making them more acceptable and familiar to the general public. This normalization would help to reduce range anxiety and other concerns that consumers may have about EVs, which would further increase their adoption.

Ultimately, transitioning commercial fleets to ZEVs would help to create a virtuous cycle of increased demand for EVs, which would encourage the development and installation of more charging infrastructure, drive down the cost of EVs, and increase their adoption by the general public. This would greatly improve EV infrastructure in California more broadly and move us closer to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable transportation system.

We urge you to adopt the ACF rule as soon as possible. The sooner we transition to zero-emission vehicles, the sooner we can start reaping the benefits of a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable transportation system, particularly for our most vulnerable communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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