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California Air Resources Board 1001 I St. Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Long Beach Transit (LBT) in support of Electrify America's Cycle 3 California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan.

LBT is aggressively working to replace its aging fleet with a goal of becoming 100% zero emission by 2030 and currently operates a fleet of 250 buses, 90% of which are alternatively fueled. LBT has 10 battery-electric buses (BEBs) with 14 BEBs on order and at its March 25, 2021 meeting, the LBT Board of Directors authorized the purchase of an additional 20 new BEBs to augment its fleet.

LBT's services more than 100-square miles across 14 cities in California's southeastern Los Angeles and northwestern Orange Counties. With over 23 million boardings each year, LBT provides its customers with a safe and reliable commute to work, school, medical appointments, shopping, and leisure. Many of LBT's customers use LBT's services as their primary means of transportation.

Electrify America plans to invest \$800 million over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan aligns well with LBT's commitment to environmental sustainability and a zero emission fleet. Their current plan of \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its emissions goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation, including transit and heavy-duty applications. Electrify America will invest \$25 million in a Green City program in the Long Beach-Wilmington community, home to the nation's busiest port complex. This targeted investment will support electrification of transit and medium/heavy-duty vehicles in a predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community and will advance the California Air Resources Board's (CARB's) priorities to quickly transition buses and other vehicles to ZEVs.

We urge CARB to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with its requirements at its June 24th meeting.

Sincerely

Kenneth A. McDonald, President and CEO