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October 17, 2014

Members of the Air Resources Board:

It has come to my attention that a number of large automakers have requested the Air Resources Board make changes to the current Zero Emission Vehicle mandate (ZEV).

It is my assessment that these requested changes would weaken the ZEV mandate and that is diametrically opposed to its mission. As you know, the ZEV mandate is critical to pushing the automotive industry to achieve Governor Brown's goal of delivering 1.5 million electric vehicles by 2025, as well as the clean vehicle goals of nine other states that have adopted California's standards. Further, the ZEV mandate also supports California jobs and the state's economic growth.

The mandate has provided an incentive for clean vehicle manufacturers to offset ZEV development costs by selling credits to automakers that are in the process of bringing up their own ZEV programs. This credit trading platform not only supports California business and clean vehicle research but also provides the automotive community with substantial compliance flexibility.

Any decision to weaken the ZEV mandate will have a significant adverse impact on California's electric vehicle business, and will impact the industry's progress toward a future of sustainable transportation. Weakening the ZEV mandate will take thousands of plug-in cars off the road when we should be strengthening regulatory standards and supporting companies that are paving the way for others.

I encourage you to maintain the integrity of the ZEV mandate. Any weakening of the mandate will not only stifle the progress we've made toward electrifying transportation but could irreparably damage the future of electric vehicle transportation in California.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Beall".
Jim Beall

