

October 21, 2019

California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento CA 95814

Good morning CARB members,

We are writing to add our support for the fiscal year 2019-20 Funding Plan for Clean Transportation Incentives for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and the Air Quality Improvement Program.

We believe this funding is necessary to help gain public support of zero-emission and plug-in hybrid passenger vehicles through the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (CVRP). This program gives additional incentives to the public for purchase of Electric Passenger Vehicles.

We benefited from the CVRP program when we leased a 2016 Chevrolet Spark EV, but unfortunately, we have been denied this rebate for the purchase of our 2019 Chevrolet Bolt EV. We unknowingly purchased our Chevrolet Bolt EV from a Chevrolet dealer in Oregon, not knowing that there are four requirements to be approved for the CVRP rebate in California.

1. Owner's income.
2. Owner must be a California resident.
3. Vehicle must be registered in California.
4. Vehicle must be purchased from a California dealer.

We would ask that the board approve a Rural Exemption for California citizen living in rural counties along the borders of Arizona, Nevada and Oregon as the closest option might be to purchase a CVRP vehicle in one of those states. Our Chevrolet dealer here in Crescent City is NOT approved by General Motors to sell the Chevrolet Bolt EV, leaving us to travel 150 miles out of state to purchase our vehicle.

We also would ask that you approve an exemption for us from the California dealer requirement to receive the CVRP rebate as we have met the first three requirements for the rebate and in fact towed the new Chevrolet Bolt EV back to California to register it at our local Crescent City DMV office paying California new vehicle sales tax, license & registration fees to the state through the Crescent City DMV office.

Sincerely,

Paul Kaessinger  
Susan Hart  
1290 Pine Grove Rd  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
(707) 460-6377, (805) 878-0013



September 9, 2019

Paul Kaessinger  
Susan Hart  
1290 Pine Grove Road  
Crescent City, California 95531

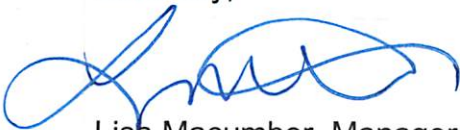
Dear Mr. Kaessinger and Ms. Hart,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has reviewed your letter in which you appeal the denial of your rebate application, A-406443. As specified in the CVRP Terms and Conditions, and the CVRP Implementation Manual (IM), "...if the only basis for an appeal is that the applicant disagrees with the policies set forth in the CVRP Terms and Conditions and the Implementation Manual, there is no basis for an appeal."

Your application was cancelled because your vehicle is considered to be an out of State purchase. Although your Bolt was registered in California, your Bolt was purchased in Oregon, as indicated on your State of Oregon purchase contract. According to the CVRP IM, "eligible vehicles may not be purchased or leased out of State." Because this is a requirement and policy outlined in the CVRP IM, we regret to inform you that you have no basis for an appeal; therefore, you remain ineligible for the CVRP rebate.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 323-2881 or by email at [Lisa.macumber@arb.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.macumber@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Lisa Macumber, Manager  
Innovative Light-Duty Strategies Section  
Mobile Source Control Division

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**Re: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project**

2 messages

Witzel, Thomas <Thomas.Witzel@sen.ca.gov>  
To: "pkaessinger@gmail.com" <pkaessinger@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 27, 2019 at 11:43 AM

Mr. Kaessinger,

Thank you for reaching out to our office looking for assistance on receiving your Clean Vehicle Rebate for you 2019 Chevrolet Bolt EV. I left you a voicemail a couple days ago saying I would look into it and circle around with you, and I've been in contact with the CA Air Resources Board (CARB) since then.

Unfortunately, I have some bad news. It is against the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project's policies outlined in the Implementation Manual (Page 6) to provide rebates for vehicles purchased or leased outside of California. According to the CARB, the purpose of this policy is for streamlined implementation their end, but more importantly to avoid fraudulent behavior by individuals who apply for multiple incentives in California, as well as another state. I asked if you were able to prove that you weren't applying for any other incentives, if it would make a difference, but I was also told no. Because the policies are adopted by the Board, CARB staff do not have the leeway to override the Board's direction.

You did bring this issue to our attention though, and we will be looking at we can do from our end to make some sort of rural exemption to this issue, seeing as you have a very valid argument regarding the lack of accessibility to dealerships in Northern California. I will be in touch with our legislative team to look at possible avenues for exploring some sort of administrative fix when it comes to this. Furthermore, since it seems to be based on the state that you make a purchase in, I would encourage you to circle back around with Oregon and see if you can still try and get a rebate from their end.

Feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions, concerns or thoughts on this matter.

Best,

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Thomas Witzel  
District Representative  
*Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte*  
**Senator Mike McGuire**  
707-445-6508



Paul Kaessinger <pkaessinger@gmail.com>

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## Regarding your Clean Vehicle Rebate Application #A-406443

4 messages

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Paul Mallard <paul.mallard@energycenter.org>  
To: "pkaessinger@gmail.com" <pkaessinger@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 1:23 PM

Dear Paul Kaessinger,

Thank you for your interest in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). Vehicles that are purchased or leased outside of California are not eligible to receive a rebate. Unfortunately, I will need to cancel your application.

I encourage you to visit [www.driveclean.ca.gov](http://www.driveclean.ca.gov) where you can perform a search based on your vehicle type and zip code to see if there are any other incentives available to you at this time.

Thank you for your investment in clean vehicle technology, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Paul Mallard  
Rebate Processing Specialist  
Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP)  
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Paul Kaessinger <pkaessinger@gmail.com>  
To: Paul Mallard <paul.mallard@energycenter.org>

Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 5:11 PM

Mr. Mallard,

I requesting to appeal the decision to cancel my clean air electric vehicle rebate. To whom or what California department do I need to appeal too?

In this part of California there are not many options for the Chevrolet Bolt leaving dealers in Oregon as an option. The Bolt was never registered in Oregon and we towed the car back to California on a car trailer. As you can see the Bolt is registered in California with the register date the same as the purchase date.

Again I would like to know to whom or what California department I need to request an appeal.

Thank you,

Paul Kaessinger

1290 Pine Grove Rd

Crescent City CA 95531

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**Paul Mallard** <paul.mallard@energycenter.org>  
To: Paul Kaessinger <pkaessinger@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 7:22 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately per the Terms and Conditions and Implementation Manual for our program, vehicles purchased outside of California do not qualify for a rebate through CVRP. Rebate applications that have been denied or cancelled by the Administrator may be appealed within 10 days of the date of the cancellation. If the only basis for an appeal is that the applicant disagrees with the policies set forth in the CVRP Terms and Conditions and the Implementation Manual, there is no basis for an appeal. A formal letter of appeal must be postmarked within 10 days of a cancelled application and addressed to the following:

CVRP Appeals

MSCD 5th Floor

1001 I St., P.O. Box 2815

Sacramento, CA 95812

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Paul Mallard**

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Paul Kaessinger <pkaessinger@gmail.com>  
To: Paul Mallard <paul.mallard@energycenter.org>

Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 8:06 AM

Mr. Mallard,

Thank you for the appeal information.

Paul Kaessinger

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CVRP APPLICATION NUMBER

A-406443



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**PART 5: APPLICANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION**

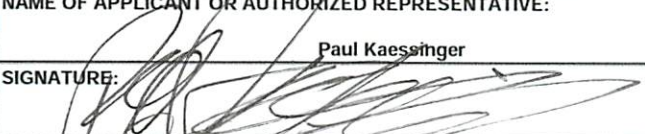
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
NAME OF VEHICLE OWNER/LESSEE: <b>Paul Kaessinger</b>		TELEPHONE NUMBER: <b>8058780013</b>
STREET ADDRESS: <b>1290 Pine Grove Rd</b>		EMAIL ADDRESS: <b>pkaessinger@gmail.com</b>
CITY: <b>Crescent City</b>	STATE: <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE: <b>95531</b>
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):		
APPLICANT TYPE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Individual</li><li>Business</li><li>Non-Profit Organization</li><li>Local Government Agency</li><li>State Government Agency</li><li>Federal Government Agency</li></ul>		FLEET VEHICLE:  <b>Car Share / Rental Vehicle</b> <b>Public Fleet Vehicle</b>
ORGANIZATION ID:	INDIVIDUAL ID: <b>N4147394</b>	
VEHICLE INFORMATION		
DATE OF PURCHASE OR DATE WHICH LEASE COMMENCED: <b>05/17/2019</b>	LEASE TERM IN MONTHS (IF APPLICABLE):	
MAKE, MODEL, AND YEAR OF THE VEHICLE: <b>Chevrolet Bolt EV - 2019</b>	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN): <b>1G1FY6S06K4133434</b>	
DEALER CONTACT (NAME AND TITLE): <b>Michael Conrad, Kendall Chevrolet, Eugene OR 97401 - Business Manager</b>	DEALER TELEPHONE NUMBER: <b>(541) 335-4816</b>	

**PART 6: SIGNATURE**

By signing this application, the purchaser or lessee agrees to the following:

1. I agree to pay back all or a portion of rebate funds if any of the above terms and conditions are not met.
2. I understand that CARB reserves all rights and remedies available under the law to enforce the terms of this agreement.
3. I acknowledge that I have read and understand, and agree to be bound by, the terms and conditions as outlined within this Rebate Application Form.
4. I choose to voluntarily submit personally-identifying information for the purposes of processing my rebate and enforcing the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project Terms and Conditions. I have read and understood the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project Privacy Policy.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is accurate.

NAME OF APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: <b>Paul Kaessinger</b>	REQUESTED REBATE AMOUNT: <b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
SIGNATURE: 	DATE: <b>06/06/2019</b>

Submit a signed copy of this application form online at [cleanvehiclerebate.org/login](http://cleanvehiclerebate.org/login)

If you do not have internet access, mail this signed application form with your supporting documents to:  
Attn: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project, Center for Sustainable Energy, 3980 Sherman Street, Suite 170, San Diego, CA, 92110

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