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Mary D. Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1011 I Street, P.O. Box 2415  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Nichols,

We are writing to express our support of the Volkswagen's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City with a proposed investment of \$44 million by June 2018. The University of California, Davis is ready to work as a partner to help the region deliver a transformational transportation program. Our existing partnership with the City of Sacramento and other local agencies provides an actionable framework for implementation.

UC Davis is the leading university center in the world on sustainable transportation. It is home to more than 60 affiliated faculty and researchers, 120 graduate students, and an annual budget of \$12 million dedicated to sustainable transportation research and education. The university partners with government, industry and non-governmental organizations to inform policy making and business decisions, and advance public discourse on key transportation, energy and environmental issues. The university is unique in hosting a graduate program in transportation, matching interdisciplinary research with interdisciplinary education.

Most recently, UC Davis was selected by the US DOT to lead the National Center for Sustainable Transportation in collaboration with CSU Long Beach, Georgia Tech, UC Riverside, the University of Southern California, and the University of Vermont to advance the state-of-the-art in transportation research and technology, and develop the next generation of transportation professionals.

Our region is ready to deliver a transformational program to catalyze a new era in ZEV transportation. Building on our longstanding leadership and expertise, UC Davis is ready to work with the City and other partners for project implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph J. Hexter".

Ralph J. Hexter  
Interim Chancellor

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c: ARB Board Members  
Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
Electrify America  
Kevin de León, Senate President Pro Tempore  
Doris Matsui, Congresswoman  
Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker  
Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of the City of Sacramento