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June 26th, 2019

Mary Nichols, Chair
Richard Corey, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Nichols

I regret that I will be unable to attend the California Air Resources Board meeting in Sacramento on Thursday, June 27th 2019. I hope you will accept these written comments on an agenda item up for consideration and request that you please forward this letter to the rest of the Board for their consideration.

Item 19-6-3: Public Meeting to Consider Proposed Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Standards

I appreciate the work that staff has put into this important issue and I am supportive of the staff's recommendation that will help maintain equitable access to Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment. As California continues to demonstrate its commitment to the growth of the zero-emission vehicle market, it is important to establish minimum standards regarding vehicle charging, roaming agreements between service networks, and improve transparency on behalf of consumers regarding locations and pricing in order to further public confidence in California's charging network.

While California is deeply involved in the technological revolution happening in our economy, many of you also know how important it is not to leave individuals and communities behind as we progress forward. Today, families with low-incomes are eligible for numerous public programs that will improve their ability to afford an electric vehicle. However, in many areas of the state, these same families do not always have the same access to the internet, to advanced cell-phone technologies, or to credit that can integrate with mobile payment systems. I am pleased to see that consideration for these populations has been a priority and that even those without access to the internet or cell-phone payment systems will still be able to rely on charging their electric vehicles.

If you have any questions or responses to my comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Garcia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia

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Ex Officio Member of the California Air Resources Board