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

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 4 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Breathe Southern California in support of Electrify America's Cycle 4 California ZEV Investment Plan. This significant, \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) deployment and emissions reduction goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero-emission transportation.

Since 1903, Breathe Southern California has advocated for reducing air pollution and ensuring a healthier environment for our community. Our mission is to promote clean air and healthy lungs through education, research, technology, and advocacy. We are committed to promoting community health services primarily through prevention, education, and early diagnosis for low-income and underserved individuals suffering from respiratory-related chronic conditions, including asthma, lung disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

This is the fourth and final investment cycle by Electrify America as part of its initial \$800 million commitment over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Cycle 4 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to advance ZEV adoption in California by further building out public ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors, and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts, including supporting and sponsoring ZEV education, STEM programing and workforce development training. To date, Electrify America has invested \$9 million in community-based organizations and nearly \$3 million in STEM and workforce development programs over Cycles 1-3.

Importantly, the plan continues Electrify America's commitment to providing benefit through its investments to rural, disadvantaged, and low-income communities, to ensure that all communities can access charging and participate in the transition to electric vehicles. Currently, over 50% of Electrify America's public ultra-fast charging stations at various stages of development are in disadvantaged or low-income communities, exceeding the company's 35% target.

We respectfully urge you to approve Electrify America's Cycle 4 California ZEV Investment Plan, in order to keep California on the forefront as a leader in the fight against climate change.

Sincerely,

Marc Carrel

President and CEO

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