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California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814
Attn: Chairman Mary Nichols

Dear Chairman Nichols,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit some 375 letters from people of faith on the importance of keeping the ZEV mandate strong. Indeed, it is California's leadership in clean cars policy that has led to the widespread adoption of such vehicles that not only work to clean our air and protect public health but also are a vital piece in reducing dangerous planet-warming emissions.

The attached petitions, signed by several hundred persons of faith from our state, are clear in the demand to keep the ZEV mandate strong. They state:

"As a person of faith, I urge the Air Resources Board to stay strong against automakers' attempts to weaken the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate. Especially in light of the Trump administration's intent to weaken hard-fought-for federal fuel efficiency standards, California must stay strong and set an example to other states.

Our religious traditions compel us to stand up for the health and safety of our communities and work to protect our common home. The ZEV Mandate helps to expedite our essential transition away from fossil fuels by accelerating the deployment of electric vehicles. Support for ZEV is a stand on the side of public health; reduction in planet-warming pollution; financial savings at the pump; and economic growth.

Multiple sectors of California, including the faith community, have supported, again and again, policies and legislation that drive down pollution emissions, protect community health, and stimulate job creation. I urge you to stay strong and protect California's important climate leadership."

Now, more than ever before, we must maintain California's leadership and pave the way for the rest of the nation – and the world – to protect public health and to avert the worst of climate change effects.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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