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

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of The Fresno Center in support of Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan. This significant, \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its emissions goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation, including in transit and heavy-duty applications.

Electrify America's investments are creating economic opportunity for low income and disadvantage communities. The plan will prioritize rural, disadvantaged, and low income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles. Among other activities identified in the plan, Electrify America will invest \$25 million investment in a Green City program in the Long Beach-Wilmington community, home to the nation's busiest port complex and served by a fleet of more than 18,000 drayage trucks. This targeted investment to support electrification of transit and medium and heavy-duty vehicles in this predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to quickly transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs, and quickly reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme non-attainment under the Clean Air Act.

The Fresno Center (TFC) currently operates 20 programs that provide outreach, education, and support services for solar energy, solar research, family education and empowerment, health, employment training, and advocacy to rural, disadvantaged, low-income and underserved communities. Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan supports our efforts to bring awareness and education on the importance of renewal and solar energy to these communities to promote zero emissions, reduce air pollution, and combat climate change. Additionally, Electrify America's Investment Plan will link charging stations between metro and rural low-income families.

TFC was established in 1991 as a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, in response to the growing and differing needs of the "New American" (Hmong, Laotian, Cambodian, Indian, Latino/Hispanic, and other refugees and/or new Americans) in Fresno County. TFC's mission, "To assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient, self-fulfilled and productive members of the community while fostering cultural preservation and promoting cross-cultural understanding," is reflected in the programs and services that it provides. With over 29 years of history providing services to rural, disadvantaged, and low income communities, TFC recognizes the importance of transportation electrification in California

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and the positive impacts it has on these communities.

I respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your June 24th meeting, in order not just to keep California on the forefront of, but a leader in, the fight against climate change.

Sincerely,

Pao Yang, President & CEO

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