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The Honorable Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Electrify America Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Nichols:

On behalf of BREATHE California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA), I am writing to convey our support for the adoption of Electrify America's Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan. BREATHE LA is a nonprofit organization that promotes clean air and healthy lungs through, research, education, advocacy and technology. Our goal is to improve public health through prevention, education and early diagnosis for low-income underserved individuals suffering from, or at risk of, respiratory diseases such as asthma, lung disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which is now the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

We are grateful for the leadership Governor Brown and the California Air Resources Board have demonstrated over many years in addressing the challenge of climate change and of human health risks associated with the emissions of harmful particulate matter. If California is to make real progress in addressing climate change we must implement bold measures to transform our transportation fleet to be the cleanest it can be. One of the most effective tools to accomplish this is to replace internal combustion engine-run vehicles with ZEVs on California roads. Our state has had the foresight to engage the private sector to make investments in our transportation infrastructure and make EV charging stations accessible not only to early adopters of ZEVs but also to those living in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

While Electrify America is only in the early stages of its 10-year ZEV Investment Plan to build EV charging stations and implement an education and awareness program, we are supportive of its current efforts. BREATHE LA believes that the momentum from its efforts in Cycle 1 must continue in Cycle 2, and this will achieve further progress in the buildout of an EV charging infrastructure that includes a substantial presence in disadvantaged and low-income communities. Investments in these communities are critical to widespread ZEV adoption. We are also very encouraged by Electrify America's commitment to supporting educational programs that are vital to getting the message out that ZEVs are not only good for air quality and public health but are also affordable.

For the above reasons, I respectfully urge CARB board members to approve Electrify America's Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Carrel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Carrel" clearly distinguishable.

Marc Carrel
President & CEO