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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

November 1, 2018

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

Re: Electrify America Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Air Resources Board,

I have reviewed the ZEV Investment Plan submitted by Electrify America for Cycle 2. Over the last several years, the Legislature, Governor Brown and the California Air Resources Board have addressed the challenges of climate change and air pollution caused by emissions of harmful particulates from stationary and mobile sources. The passage of SB 100 has put California on a path to 100% renewable energy by 2045. We have also enacted a number of other measures designed to reduce greenhouse gas and other harmful emissions.

I was pleased with the outreach effort that Electrify America utilized in developing its proposal. It is important that charging stations for all sorts of vehicles beyond passenger vehicles be generally available. The expansion of Zero Emission Vehicles relies upon a robust supply of charging stations – and not just in the downtown urban cores.

Electrify America has committed to investing \$800 million in California over 10 years in EV charging stations, education and awareness programs and innovative mobility programs such as what we have seen already in naming the City of Sacramento as the first Electrify America Green City. Electrify America has proposed a number of promising investments in Cycle 2, including in renewable-powered charging stations, a residential charging program as well as an autonomous vehicle charging program. In fact, SANDAG - the San Diego Association of Governments, the metropolitan planning organization for San Diego County, has written in its submission to CARB that it hopes Electrify America selects the City of San Diego as a hub for its autonomous fueling stations, as well as being designated as the next Green City.

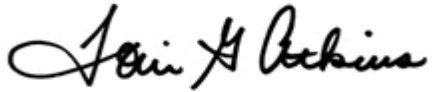
I represent a large part of the San Diego region and am pleased that Electrify America is making a substantial investment in the region. I am also very encouraged by its commitment to invest not only in all major metropolitan areas of California but in critical rural areas, including Imperial Valley, Coachella Valley and the Central Valley, and in disadvantaged and low-income communities throughout California. I supported SB 92 in 2017 that required Electrify America to ensure that at least 35% of its ZEV

Investment in California benefit low-income or disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected by air pollution.

I encourage the CARB Board members to give every consideration to approving Electrify America's Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan at your November 15-16 Board meeting.

Warmly,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni G. Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TONI G. ATKINS
President pro Tempore of the California State Senate
39th State Senate District

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