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

Re: Support from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Proposed Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rulemaking

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group writes in support of CARB staff's recommendation, including the proposed targets and schedule, for a manufacturer sales requirement to sell electric trucks, and encourages action by CARB to accelerate the deployment of zero-emission, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in California, and identify the incentives, investments and policies needed to meet California's goal of deploying 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2025. The proposed rule would start in Model Year 2024 vehicles, with a requirement for manufacturers to use California's new Zero-Emission Powertrain certification procedure starting in 2024, and a credit system to encourage early sales for flexibility.

The Leadership Group strongly supports this recommendation, in part, because Silicon Valley has the world's most fuel-efficient ZEV technology to eliminate toxic diesel particulate matter and oxides of nitrogen (NoX) emissions. Over forty percent of California's carbon emissions are generated by the transportation sector – the leading contributor of heat-trapping emissions. Diesel trucks continue to emit toxic pollution in California and are responsible for 33 percent of statewide NoX emissions annually and 20 percent of statewide Greenhouse Gas emissions.

CARB Staff's recommendation aligns with the Leadership Group's goal of financing and deploying emerging technologies and advancing the deployment of ZEVs and EV charging infrastructure. A strong regulatory signal from CARB would bolster production and competition, and continue to lower the purchase price of ZEVs.

The Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 340 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, environment, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, and economic vitality. The Leadership Group encourages you to continue providing strong market signals and incentives to support the accelerated deployment of ZEVs. We look forward to continuing to partner with CARB to ensure California remains a leader in clean technology and healthy communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at hsickler@svlg.org or (408) 501-7883.

Sincerely,

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