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Subject: Revising California ZEV Mandate

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to strongly urge the CARB to strengthen, not weaken the mandate for Zero Emission Vehicles in California. I heard with alarm that the CARB is proposing to cut the required number of ZEVs by 90%! This would be a step in the wrong direction. The advances in lithium ion battery technology that have been made just in the last few years have been breathtaking. Just yesterday, I read in Civil Engineering magazine that researchers at Stanford employing nanotechnology have achieved a 10-fold improvement in capacity over current lithium ion batteries. Elsewhere, ground has been broken for construction of the first factory to produce automotive sized lithium ion batteries for mass production. Things are happening fast! Practical electric vehicles are just around the corner. This is no time for California to back off. The major automakers are whining that it can't be done, but this is a lie. They simply don't want to do it, but it can certainly be done. Please keep California on the leading edge of the coming revolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Stobbe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael Stobbe