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January 24, 2012

Chairman Mary Nichols and Members of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**RE: Proposed Amendments to the Zero Emission Vehicle Program**

Dear Chairman Nichols and Members of the Board:

The Clean Air Act provides California with the authority to set emission control standards for motor vehicles and for states outside of California to choose between the federal and California motor vehicle emission control standards. Use of this statutory authority has a long and successful track record and its success is demonstrated by the decreasing trends in air pollution observed across the country. Our organizations applaud California’s leadership in setting vehicle emissions standards that have spurred advanced vehicle technologies that are delivering environmental, health and economic benefits to consumers far beyond California’s borders.

As you meet later this month to consider the next phase of your landmark Zero Emission Vehicle Program, we urge you to continue to support the states that have stood beside you in this effort over the years. The Sec. 177 states and states that may choose to join the program in the future should be seen as important partners in your vital clean air effort.

We urge you to work closely with these states to ensure that they receive significant deliveries of zero-emission vehicles in the near term and a guaranteed increase in the number of vehicles to be delivered in the next decade. We will work closely with our states to support efforts to

ensure that appropriate infrastructure, incentives and other vehicle readiness efforts are in place to help California build a national marketplace for zero-emission vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration,

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