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January 25, 2012

Mary Nichols, Chair of the Board  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "T" Street  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: 2012 Amendments to the California Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Regulation

Dear Chairman Nichols:

It is our understanding your staff will be presenting the Board with an Optional Compliance Path for the motor vehicle manufacturers to comply with the California Zero Emission Vehicle regulations. It is our understanding the motor vehicle manufacturer's support this option as it provides them with additional compliance flexibility. New Jersey as a S.177 Zero Emission Vehicle Program state supports the inclusion of the Optional Compliance Path in the California regulation. The manufacturers, who select this compliance option, will provide battery electric vehicles (BEVs) to states like New Jersey in the northeastern United States sooner than the current CARB proposal.

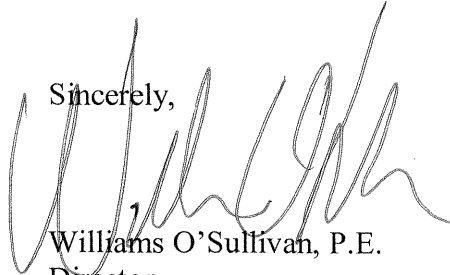
New Jersey has taken a number of steps and is ready for these high technology vehicles. These steps include:

- No sales tax for Zero Emission Vehicles, a savings of 7% to the consumers.
- Streamlined building permit processes for home charging stations, no waiting for the installation by the homeowners for the issuance of the permit.
- Over 50 Level 1 and Level 2 charging stations currently are available to the public.
- New Jersey is working with the other states as part of the Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) to facilitate the use of the advanced vehicles throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic region.

The use of these vehicles is recognized as one of our core values in the New Jersey State Strategic Plan and are recognized as an important component to achieve our energy goals as defined in the New Jersey Energy Master Plan. Further, the use of the vehicles will help us achieve our clean air goals.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Williams O'Sullivan', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Williams O'Sullivan, P.E.  
Director  
Division of Air Quality

c: Clerk of the Board  
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