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Mr. David Dickinson
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Re: Request for Waiver of Federal Preemption for the 2012 Amendments to
California's Zero Emission and Low Emission Vehicles Programs

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

Attached is a courtesy copy of the waiver request that the California Air Resources Board prepared for the 2012 amendments to California's Zero Emission and Low Emission Vehicles programs.

As you will see, the earliest requirements of the amendments to Low Emission Vehicles regulation are set to affect model year 2014 vehicles. Consequently, automobile manufacturers would benefit from the increased lead-time that an expedited consideration of this waiver request would allow. Also, these amendments were submitted to California's Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on June 25, 2012, and so under California law OAL must take action on the regulations no later than August 7, 2012. We are providing these materials via email so that you have the opportunity to begin evaluating our request before the hard copy of the request package reaches the Administrator. If for some reason you are not the person who will be handling this request, please forward the materials to the appropriate person.

Please call me at (916) 445-5514, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Whitney
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*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption.
For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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