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The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of CA (Chamber) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft 2020 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update, Volume 1 on California's transportation future and the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

The Chamber supports all efforts to ensure a clean, affordable, accessible and reliable energy future for all Californians.

We offer the following comments:

- CHAPTER 1: Today's Transportation Trends Vehicle Miles Traveled are Increasing; Disproportionate Impacts on Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities & CHAPTER 4 Charging Infrastructure: Key to Market Growth and an Opportunity for the Grid California Must Stay Ahead of Charging Demand as the Plug-In Electric Vehicle (PEV) Market Grows Equity Should be a Prominent Factor in Developing Infrastructure Priorities:

(1) The Chamber believes that rural and reservation-based populations tend to drive further for basic necessities and work while enduring the lack of infrastructure for low-cost electricity delivery to both homes and businesses; and accordingly charging station usage needs to be addressed prior to implementation of any mandates for electric vehicle implementation throughout the entire state – providing equitable energy access to all Californians through effective infrastructure development should be a goal of all California Investor Owned Utilities – especially on tribal lands

(2) Many of our tribal population in California are from tribes outside of California and it is a practice of our people to drive to cultural and religious celebrations outside of the state of California in order to maintain our cultural identity and family connections. Finding plug in vehicle electricity access outside of the state of California may become an issue in cost effective, safe and reliable travel options.

- CHAPTER 2 The Road Ahead: Disruptive Changes to Mobility and Economic Growth KIGT and Workforce Training.....53 & Taking Advantage of In-State Raw Materials for ZEV Battery Manufacturing54

(1) The Chamber encourages funding for regional workforce development training to include urban and tribal lands based organizations for both the construction and maintenance of charging stations.

(2) We also suggest that a business capacity building program be developed to include tribal and American Indian/Alaska Native enterprises be included in the ZEV battery manufacturing proposed in this policy report.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the: inclusion of us on the committee; resulting draft policy report presented; and opportunity to provide comments.

Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Stanhoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tracy" being more prominent than the last name "Stanhoff".

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