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## **Proterra Comments on Clean Transportation Investment Plan**

See attached letter.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



October 4, 2021

California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: FY 2021-2022 California Energy Commission (CEC) Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Dear CEC Staff,

Proterra appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the CEC's proposed FY 2021-22 Clean Transportation Program Funding Plan and supports the proposed investments to support the deployment of medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle infrastructure.

Proterra is a leader in the design and manufacture of zero-emission electric transit vehicles and electric vehicle (EV) technology solutions for commercial vehicle applications. Proterra's battery electric bus achieves up to 25 MPGe compared to 4 MPG for a diesel bus and can deliver nearly twice the horsepower and five times better fuel efficiency than a diesel bus. Proterra electric buses have zero tailpipe emissions or pollutants, eliminating about 230,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually for every diesel vehicle replaced. Our EV technology also powers coach buses, school buses, delivery vans and other commercial vehicles.

Proterra strongly supports the proposed recommended allocation of \$373 million for zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty infrastructure for FY 2021-22. Within this, Proterra recommends that CEC provide incentives through both first-come, first-serve voucher programs, as well as competitive solicitations to support innovative charging projects. The Energy Commission has been a leader in supporting the deployment of ZEV infrastructure through both R&D and commercialization projects, as well as more make-ready programs to accelerate the deployment of chargers. We recommend the CEC continue to fund both models, in order to accelerate deployment of infrastructure as well as spur innovation of new charging technologies and concepts. Additionally, we support a continued focus on supporting electrification in the transit sector through public transit fleet focused programs. Public transit continues to be at the forefront of electrification and infrastructure planning.

Proterra greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide input on CEC's proposed Clean Transportation Investment Plan update for FY 2021-2022. We look forward to continuing to work with the CEC and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of clean and equitable transportation options throughout the state.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Battenberg".

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