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Letter attached.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



September 30, 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,

The Lion Electric Co. 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. The significant investment in light, medium, and heavy-duty infrastructure will help achieve the Governor's goal of 100% ZEV truck sales by 2045, 100% ZEV passenger vehicle sales by 2035, as well as help achieve the state's climate and emission reduction goals.

Lion is a leading Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of all-electric vehicles, including zero-emission school buses, zero-emission trucks, and zero-emission shuttle buses with headquarters in Quebec, Canada, and facilities in both Northern California and Southern California, in Sacramento and Alhambra. Today, Lion has deployments in more than 16 states, and there are currently over 400 electric school buses in operation in North America that have been carrying kids to school every day safely for the last 5 years, with over 8 million miles of service provided. Lion is also deploying the Lion6 and Lion8, commercial heavy-duty electric urban trucks designed to serve California's freight and goods movement industries.

Lion strongly supports the proposed investments outlined within the draft Clean Transportation Program Investment Plan, including the proposed FY 2021-2022 allocations of \$373 million for zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty infrastructure, as well as the \$118 million to support in-state manufacturing. These dollar allocations allow Lion to grow in California as a zero-emission vehicle manufacturer and think through opportunities for growing a clean technology workforce in the state.

Lion appreciates the opportunity to support and 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 zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure statewide.

Sincerely,

Orville Thomas
Director of Government Relations
The Lion Electric Co.

