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California Energy Commission
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Re: 2022-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program - Revised Staff Report

On behalf of Plug In America, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2022-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program - Revised Staff Report. As the voice of the EV consumer in California and across the US, Plug In America seeks to drive EV adoption and supportive infrastructure development that serves all consumers.

Plug In America appreciates the careful attention in the plan to funding supportive infrastructure endeavors for a range of vehicle types. We especially appreciate the consideration of different communities' access, including rural communities, to charging infrastructure through opportunities like the Rural Electric Vehicle (REV) Charging solicitation. As mentioned in the plan, "rural communities have less public fast charging station coverage than urban communities." Furthermore, rural communities have unique challenges which can make charging infrastructure siting and installation more complex. It is imperative that the roll out of EV charging infrastructure is reliable and offers fair and consistent pricing across different types of communities.

Plug In America respectfully recommends that the CEC pursue charging and vehicle-grid-integration (VGI) solutions that lower costs, and structure incentive programs, like CALeVIP, to promote accessible and affordable electricity fuel for all Californians. Especially as the state invests in communities where charging infrastructure is unavailable or very limited, including disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, rural communities, and multi-unit dwellings or homes with only street-side parking, lower cost charging solutions and increased flexibility are essential to growing the market for EVs and meeting the California's EV and emissions reductions goals.

Overall, Plug In America appreciates the strong budget allocations for development of EV charging infrastructure in the 2022-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program and encourages the CEC to ensure that programs and opportunities funded should seek to reduce charging costs for all consumers and communities.

Sincerely,

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