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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
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Sacramento, California 95814

RE: 23-ALT-01 - Comments In Response to Draft Staff Report of the 2023-24 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Dear California Energy Commissioners and Staff,

On behalf of the Electric Vehicle Charging Association (EVCA), we appreciate the opportunity to respond to the California Energy Commission's (CEC) draft staff report of the 2023-24 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program (CTP). EVCA is a trade association of more than 22 member companies, collectively representing the majority of firms spanning the EV charging ecosystem.

We want to thank the CEC for their development of the CTP update and continued zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) leadership as the state works to meet its ambitious transportation electrification and climate goals. We are largely supportive of the direction of the CEC and Lead Commissioner Monahan on this proposal and thank them for their work.

In particular, we would like to express our appreciation for the strong focus on electrification in the Clean Transportation Program investment plan. Widespread adoption of EVs is a critical pillar of California's climate, air quality, and economic goals, and the CTP will continue to play an essential role in ensuring that the benefits of EVs are realized across the state. As noted in the staff report, the CTP has allowed the state to invest in the installation or planning of nearly 24,500 chargers. This year's successful reauthorization of CTP will allow these investments to continue, and bolster the growth of the state's charging network to support convenient EV charging where Californians live, work, and play.

EVCA strongly supports the CEC's planned investments in both light-duty and medium/heavy duty charging infrastructure. The CEC's AB 2127 statewide EV charger demand assessment makes clear that significantly more charging infrastructure is

needed across all vehicle classes to meet state ZEV goals, and EVCA supports CEC's balanced approach to support strategic investments across these segments. In particular, light-duty charging infrastructure supported by the CTP investment plan will bring much needed resources to disadvantaged communities and ensure that communities across the state have the infrastructure they need to utilize electric mobility options.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. EVCA stands ready to support the CEC's zero-emission vehicle goals and looks forward to continued engagement.

Sincerely,

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