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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



January 19, 2024

California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket No. 20-TRAN-04 – Presentation, Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Block Grant Design Changes Workshop

Dear California Energy Commission Program Staff,

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (“Leadership Counsel”) is pleased to provide these comments in response to the January 9th, 2023, Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Block Grant Design Changes Workshop. We value the California Energy Commission's (CEC) solicitation of public input and feedback on proposed changes to the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP 2.0) and Communities in Charge (CIC) incentive programs.

Leadership Counsel works alongside the most impacted communities to advocate for sound policy and eradicate injustice to secure equal access to opportunity regardless of wealth, race, income, and place. We have previously applied through the CIC program and were not awarded.

In response to the proposed design changes posed by CEC staff during the workshop, we offer the following comments and feedback for your consideration:

The removal of stackable funding with any other rebate program:

Leadership Counsel strongly advises against the removal of the ability to stack CIC incentive funding with other rebate programs, including local, state, and federal programs. As a recipient of a voucher for a charging station at our headquarters in Fresno, which serves as a hub for community gatherings and nonprofit organizations, it is imperative that this program is stackable as the voucher we have through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District does not cover the full cost of the charging station nor its installation. It is imperative that the CIC program continue to be stackable with other programs so that community hubs and nonprofit organizations are able to cover the costs of electric vehicle charging stations in order to use our limited resources to advance our mission.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of Leadership Counsel’s comments on behalf of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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