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California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
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RE: 2020-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

The Québec Government Office in Los Angeles and Québec Trade Office in Silicon Valley appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Energy Commission's 2020-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program.

Québec and California linked their cap-and-trade programs in 2014. Since then, they've reinvested much of the revenue generated by cap-and-trade in pollution reduction, mitigation, and adaptation measures. However, transportation is still the largest source of emissions for both regions, which is why Québec strongly supports the Clean Transportation Program and California's continued efforts to spur deployment of zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure to reduce harmful GHG and criteria pollutant emissions.

Québec's clean transportation solutions were, in some cases, developed with the support of cap-and-trade funds. Many of these products are available in California and their continued deployment represents important, immediate emission reductions that will further improve air quality for millions of Californians. Furthermore, because of the close relationship between Québec and California and our joint climate leadership, some Québec companies may be expanding in the Golden State in the near future.

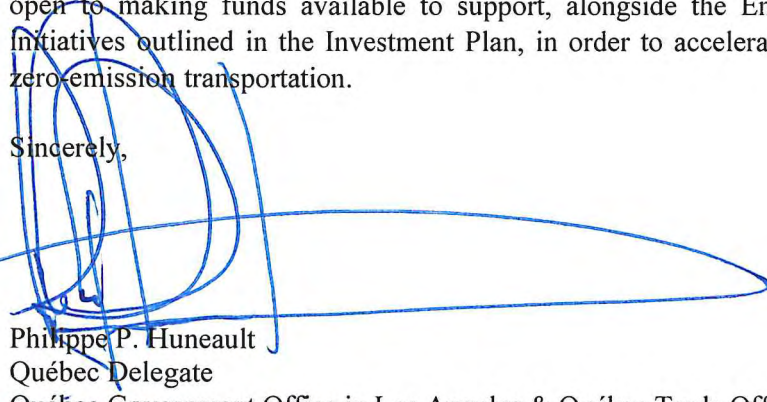
For these reasons, the Québec Government Office in Los Angeles and Québec Trade Office in Silicon Valley:

- 1) support the proposed \$10 million allocation for manufacturing and recommend including this in the FY 2020-21 investments rather than the following years.
- 2) encourage measures that facilitate the purchase of zero- or near zero-emission technologies and that also consider funding operating costs.
- 3) support the multi-year goal to invest in medium- and heavy-duty infrastructure and vehicles. Furthermore, we support increasing funding for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and infrastructure for FY 2020-2021 to its previous \$30 million level. This will help additional fleet operators transition to zero-emission faster. Within this funding, we recommend inclusion of school buses as eligible fleets.
- 4) suggest allocating some funding to putting in place a lithium-ion battery recycling supply chain in California.

We look forward to continuing to work with the California Energy Commission and following the development of the proposed 2020-2023 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program.

Looking to strengthen even further our joint climate action, the government of Québec is also open to making funds available to support, alongside the Energy Commission, some of the initiatives outlined in the Investment Plan, in order to accelerate the transition to zero- or near zero-emission transportation.

Sincerely,



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