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CCA comments on 2023-2024 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



November 27, 2023

Patricia Monahan
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2023-2024 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

Dear Commissioner Monahan:

As a member of the Clean Transportation Program Advisory Committee and a supporter of AB 126, which renewed funding for the Program, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Revised Staff Draft Report.

Coalition for Clean Air commends CEC for spending 58.6 percent of funds to date on projects located in disadvantaged and/or low-income communities, and for your commitment to assuring that over half of the funds benefit those communities, as is now required by AB 126. We know that California's economic, public health and environmental crises are falling disproportionately on low-income communities of color. Therefore, job-creating, pollution-reducing investments should be channeled toward those communities that have been victims of historic disinvestment and are the hardest hit by air pollution and climate change.

To protect the health of those communities, we also urge you to prioritize investments in clean medium and heavy-duty transportation. These vehicles, while making up only 2 percent of the statewide total, account for one-third of statewide NOX and 25 percent of PM2.5 emissions from on-road transportation in California, and that burden falls disproportionately on low-income communities of color. **Therefore, we recommend that two-thirds of 2023-2024 CTP infrastructure spending be allocated to the MHD sector, with one-third allocated to light-duty infrastructure in disadvantaged and low-income communities.** The ZEV transition for MHD vehicles is well behind the light-duty market, and infrastructure investments are needed to support vital standards the state has adopted for zero-emission truck and bus fleets. Similarly, we recommend that all hydrogen fueling stations built with CTP support serve MHD vehicles.

Thank you for considering our views.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Magavern".

Bill Magavern
Policy Director