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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Federal Stimulus Proposal “*Keeping America Working, Protecting Public Health, and Strengthening our Communities*”

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader McCarthy, and Leader Schumer:

Thank you for the swift actions already taken by Congress to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is now providing much needed aid to American businesses large and small, and your latest package will surely do the same. On behalf of the unprecedented public-private [Transportation Electrification Partnership](#), which the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator has convened, we urge you to consider the below and attached recommendations for approximately \$150 billion in stimulus to help restart our nation’s economy, put Americans back to work, and protect public health.

We strongly urge Congress to invest federal stimulus funding into much-needed zero emissions vehicle manufacturing and innovation, infrastructure deployment, public and active transit, job training and startup and small business innovations. This type of spending is critical to providing immediate economic stimulus and job creation, as well as to creating a foundation for future economic development while creating more resilient communities.

In doing so, we will also improve air quality and protect public health, given that studies have shown breathing polluted air makes individuals more susceptible to viruses, including COVID-19. Here in the Los Angeles region—known for its poor air quality—[we are now experiencing some of the cleanest air in the world](#). These investments will help communities across our great nation benefit from cleaner air over the long-term, along with safer streets and quieter neighborhoods.

The attached “*Keeping America Working, Protecting Public Health, & Strengthening our Communities*” proposal outlines a set of strategies and investments that we urge you to consider for federal economic and infrastructure stimulus. In addition to job creation, economic growth, and technological innovation, this proposal can help reduce air pollution, improve public health, ensure equitable access to charging and EVs, protect vulnerable populations, and lessen the impact of future epidemics. Our \$150 billion in recommended actions include:

- 1. Zero Emissions Vehicle Manufacturing, Assembly, and Adoption - \$25 billion:** Investing in the manufacturing, assembly, and adoption of (EVs) of all types and sizes (on the ground, in the water, and in the air) via tax credits, scrap and replace programs, grants and loans (including utilizing the existing USDOE ATVM program which has nearly \$18 billion in authorized capacity).
- 2. Zero Emissions Infrastructure Investment - \$85 billion:** Investing dedicated funding for infrastructure that will last dozens of years, will employ tens of thousands of Americans, and will support the massive deployment of zero emission transportation solutions. The funded infrastructure includes charging for electric vehicles and equipment of all types and sizes, useful to individuals, businesses, and government operators across the country; adding utility electrical capacity to enable robust charging; and increasing the supply of renewable energy and building grid resilience. Key to success is also unlocking private capital by optimizing existing economic tools (e.g., Opportunity Zones, CDFIs, etc.), and funding programs that reduce energy costs for low-income customers.
- 3. Zero Emissions Public and Active Transit - \$25 billion:** Investments in all forms of electric transit, enabling safer and complete streets, waterways, and airspace.
- 4. Workforce Development and Job Training - \$12.5 billion:** Investment in training, paid internships and pre-apprenticeship and state-approved apprenticeship programs for the underemployed and unemployed, including veterans and formerly incarcerated, to build EVs, install and maintain charging infrastructure, work for cleantech startups, and more.
- 5. Innovation Ecosystem, Cleantech Startups, and Related Small Businesses - \$2.5 billion:** Supporting innovation and cleantech startups and small businesses—including dedicated resources for those founded by women and people of color—via direct support, incubators/intermediaries, and shovel-ready pilots in low-income communities.

We urge Congress to adopt the attached federal stimulus investment plan. Implementing these strategies will help rebuild the economy in a way that will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, restart the economy and accelerate growth, support entrepreneurs—including underrepresented founders—and the innovation economy, reduce air pollution, and protect vulnerable populations.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to advance this proposal.

Sincerely,



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