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Hon. Senator Anthony J. Portantino, Appropriations Chair
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: AB 1046 (Ting) SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino and Committee Members:

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Center for Climate Protection (Center) to support AB 1046, the Air Quality Improvement Program: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project. The Center is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 with a mission to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) everywhere. The Centers' combined participants and subscribers among our several programs adds up to nearly 10,000 individuals.

AB 1046 calls on the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to annually forecast the State's progress toward putting five million clean cars on the road by 2030. If the State is at risk of missing that goal, the ARB could consider changes to the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) incentive program, which has not seen a rate change in more than five years while the ZEV market has dramatically changed.

This bill requires ARB to conduct annual market forecasting for the State's progress toward zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) deployment goals, and consider modifications to the CVRP to meet those goals. This bill would attempt to focus the CVRP on pushing ZEV deployment in the State closer to a sustainable consumer market.

The AB 1046 program is similar the structure of the California Solar Initiative (CSI). The CSI ran for ten years from 2006 to 2016 and provided long term subsidies for the installation of solar-electric systems with a goal of making solar energy competitive without further government subsidy. The CSI along with federal tax credits, has been successful as the State subsidy for solar energy systems has expired and the solar industry is robust.

Again, on behalf of the Center for Climate Protection community, and for the health and future of California, I urge your support for AB 1046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Hancock", written in a cursive style.

Ann Hancock,
Executive Director

Copies:

- Sen. Appropriations Committee Members
- Sen. Appropriations Committee Staff
- Assemblymember Phil Ting