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October 20, 2021

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The Honorable Nanette Barragán  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2246 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Barragán:

We are writing to express our support for your measure H.R. 4440, the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Act of 2021, because it would require the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a rebate program promoting the purchase of electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, and the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment for these vehicles.

It is critical that the County of Los Angeles (County) take steps towards improving air quality by supporting the advancement and adoption of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle technologies that produce zero or near-zero emissions. Taking aggressive actions to reduce air pollution is essential for protecting public health and the quality of life for residents. According to the California Energy Commission, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles produce a disproportionately large share of the State's greenhouse gas emissions and significant amounts of air pollution.

The upfront costs associated with electric truck purchase is a primary barrier to investment. However, financial incentives provided by this legislation will reduce the upfront capital costs associated with purchase, installation, labor, and permitting costs. With adequate incentives, the total cost of ownership for an average electric truck could be made lower than an equivalent diesel or natural gas truck, while producing significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants.

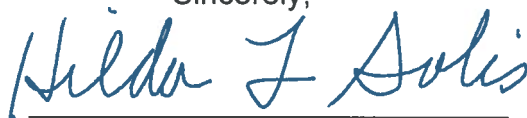
Local, state, and federal governments must work together toward a sustainable freight system to have a significant impact in reducing greenhouse emissions and air pollution. The County's Sustainability Plan sets the goal of installing 60,000 zero emission vehicle charging stations by 2025 and 70,000 by 2035, and that 100% of all new light-duty private vehicles will be zero emission vehicles by 2045. Additionally, on September 23, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to require all new cars sold in California to be zero-emission vehicles by 2035. If we are to meet the goals established by the County's Sustainability Plan and the State of California, it is vital that federal

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We appreciate your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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c: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

We are writing to express our support for your measure S. 2347, the Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Act of 2021, because it would require the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a rebate program promoting the purchase of electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, and the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment for these vehicles.

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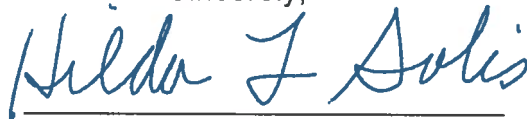
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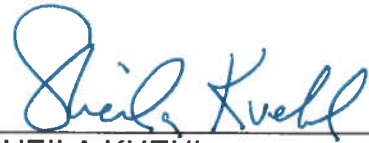
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