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August 28, 2025

Liane Randolph, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Randolph:

As Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, I strongly support California's policies to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). Decarbonizing the transportation sector is critical to our climate, air quality, and public health goals.

At the same time, it is important to ensure these policies do not unintentionally compromise the ability of public agency utilities to respond to emergencies and maintain reliable utility services—both of which are essential to public health and safety. The recent January fires and windstorms in Southern California underscored the critical role public agency utilities play in emergency response. To protect this capability under the Advanced Clean Fleets rule, I supported **AB 1594 (Garcia, 2023)**, which requires that ZEV adoption for public agency utilities be implemented in a way that preserves emergency response and reliable service.

I understand CARB has initiated a 45-day rulemaking to implement AB 1594, and CARB staff has engaged public agency utilities on this issue. I respectfully ask CARB to make these regulations workable for public agency utilities so that additional legislation is not necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dave Cortese", written in a cursive style.

Dave Cortese, Senator
California State Senate, 15th District