

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write in strong support of the California Energy Commission's (CEC) application to the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program for the West Coast Truck Charging I-5 Corridor Project as well as the Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Drayage Infrastructure Project.

Interstate-5 (I-5) is a critical north-south route within the United States, stretching from the Mexican to Canadian borders. It serves as a vital link connecting ports and major freight centers across California, Oregon, and Washington, playing a central role in the economies of these states. Recognizing its significance, California, Oregon, and Washington have partnered to develop the West Coast Truck Charging I-5 Corridor Project. This initiative aims to establish a network of publicly accessible charging stations designed for MHD trucks along the I-5 corridor. This collaboration represents a significant step towards enabling zero-emission trucking and reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions associated with MHD vehicles.

California's MHD Drayage Infrastructure Project also marks a significant step towards enhancing the availability and accessibility of zero-emission MHD vehicle infrastructure, specifically along key transportation corridors in California. This initiative will be instrumental in supporting drayage truck activity at the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, Hueneme, Oakland, Stockton, and Humboldt, as well as the land ports of entry located along the California-Mexico border. This project offers substantial environmental and economic benefits for communities near ports and along major transportation routes which experience disproportionately high levels of pollution and emissions exposure.

Together, these efforts will support the decarbonization of several priority hubs identified in the National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy, which highlights the nation's commitment to advancing the rapid deployment of zero-emission MHD vehicles and infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of these critically important projects.


Sincerely,

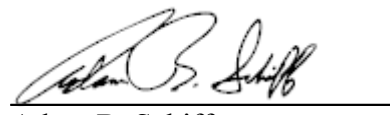



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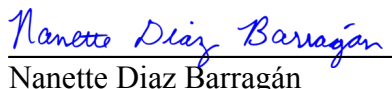

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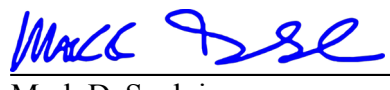

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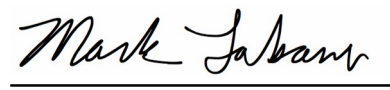

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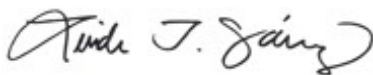

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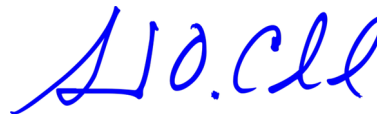

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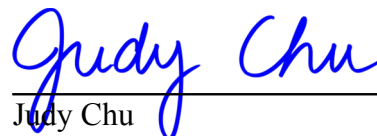
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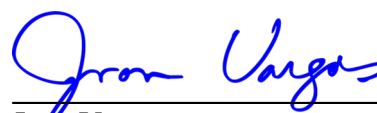
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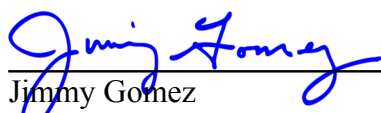
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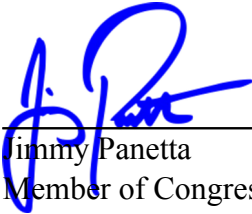
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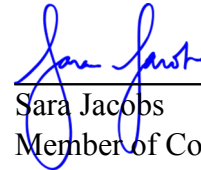
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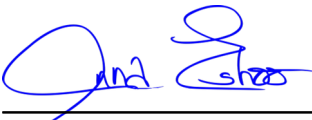
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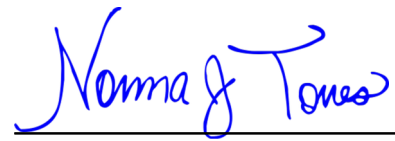
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