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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Alejandro "Alex" Padilla
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Padilla:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of the Transportation Electrification Partnership proposal to invest \$150 billion to support economic opportunities and transition the transportation system to electricity.

This stimulus proposal would fund zero emissions vehicle manufacturing and innovation, infrastructure deployment, public and active transit, job training and startup and small business innovations. It is estimated that this could create 2.3 million jobs across the sectors. This would help restart the nation's economy, put Americans back to work, and clean our nation's air to protect public health while dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposal to invest \$150 billion for the transition to transportation electrification would provide important support for the County's goals of transforming the economy and addressing climate change. The County supports efforts to foster communitywide sustainability by promoting economic stability and environmental protection and stewardship through participation in the growing green economy. This includes efforts to catalyze community renewal, redevelopment and reinvestment, incubate and support innovative businesses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and incentivize energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy. In 2015, the County adopted an Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) to reduce GHG emissions to 15 percent below baseline levels (2007) by 2020. The ECAP includes 50 emission reduction measures across a comprehensive range of areas of the economy.

Thank you for your support for clean energy as Congress drafts economic recovery legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilchrest
Washington Representative

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