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New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
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Re: Letter of Support for the Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor, the Clean Truck Incentive Program, and the Efficient & Clean Operations for Schools via the Funding Opportunity Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

Greetings NMED,

I am writing in support of NMED's funding request for three measures in the State of New Mexico's Priority Climate Action Plan: the Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor, the Clean Truck Incentive Program, and the Efficient & Clean Operations for Schools. The State's approach to focus on the medium- and heavy-duty segments aligns well with New Mexico's commitment to the recently enacted Advanced Clean Trucks rule, and tackles a key component of greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

PNM will directly support these efforts through the comprehensive PNM Transportation Electrification Program (TEP), which offers rebates to customers for the installation of charging infrastructure. The 2024-2026 TEP includes rebates for both public and private Level 2 and Direct Current Fast Charging, including specific carveouts for fleets and mass transit, such as school buses. The installation rebates could directly support the installation of charging infrastructure on the Clean I-40 Transportation Corridor, and will also serve those entities who are able to purchase vehicles with the assistance of State funds using the Clean Truck Incentive Program and the Efficient and Clean Operations for Schools. Furthermore, other utilities in New Mexico also have TEPs that can also support these funds across the State.

In conclusion, I strongly urge NMED to submit the application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, and I respectfully request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issue the funds in full for these measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Alaric J. Babej". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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