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**Re: South Coast Air Quality Management District Climate Pollution  
Reduction Grant proposal, INVEST CLEAN**

Dear Executive Officer Nastri:

On behalf of CALSTART, I would like to express our commitment and support for the *Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness (INVEST CLEAN)* project. The project is an application led by South Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) for the regional U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). The goals of INVEST CLEAN align with CALSTART's mission in decarbonizing the transportation sector.

INVEST CLEAN is a transformational all-of-government initiative in partnership with industry, labor, and communities aimed at overcoming barriers to transitioning the Southern California goods movement corridor from the Coast through the Inland Valley to California's border to zero-emission technologies. It focuses on removing the barriers to faster adoption of zero-emission technologies including improving access to charging infrastructure, reducing the upfront cost of medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) vehicles and equipment, and increasing the deployments of zero-emission goods movement technologies. INVEST CLEAN is also designed to uplift community benefits through a robust workforce training program in partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and educational institutions. Further, INVEST CLEAN integrates community input and benefits into projects to help mitigate the impacts of goods movement on our most vulnerable residents in coordination with existing efforts while significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

CALSTART is a clean transportation industry nonprofit spurring commercialization of advanced transportation technologies, fuels, systems, and the companies that make them. We have managed and been involved in MHD clean vehicle technology deployment and market acceleration efforts over 30 years. CALSTART has unique and exceptional expertise in designing and administering incentive programs for MHD vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure in California and three other states. Building on this expertise and deep knowledge and understanding of the MHD industry, we commit to working with South Coast AQMD and the INVEST CLEAN partners to inform, design, and implement effective incentive programs that will enable deployment of MHD zero-emission charging infrastructure sites as well as

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zero-emission trucks and equipment and spur the transition to zero-emission goods movement in the region.

We earnestly advocate for the EPA's favorable consideration and support for INVEST CLEAN. If you have any questions about our support, please contact me at 626-744-5695 or [jtomic@calstart.org](mailto:jtomic@calstart.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasna Tomić".

Jasna Tomić, Ph.D.  
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