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Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

*Re: Support for the Climate Pollution Reductions Grant regional proposal led by South Coast Air Quality Management District, **Infrastructure, Vehicles, and Equipment Strategy for Climate Equity, Air Quality, and National Competitiveness (INVEST CLEAN)***

Dear Executive Officer Nastri:

The following institutions support and are committed to the implementation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) regional application led by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD). INVEST CLEAN addresses the critical need for a skilled workforce to drive the transformation of and sustain a zero-emissions Southern California goods movement system.

The INVEST CLEAN project aligns with U.S. EPA's ambitious CPRG goals, Justice40, and Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, "National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy."

It is an all-of-government project with strong industry, labor, and community participants and supported by the Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs) for Los Angeles - Long Beach - Orange County and Riverside - San Bernardino - Ontario Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as well as the State of California.

Each of our institutions is focused on fostering the growth of quality jobs and equitable opportunities in the heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle infrastructure sector throughout the South Coast Air Basin. Through our initiatives, we are focused on curriculum development by in cooperating inclusive recruitment practices for worker safety and training, pre-apprenticeship readiness, and workers' rights for medium and heavy duty zero emission vehicle infrastructure. In the future, we look forward to engaging students and professionals seeking retraining, offering specialized curriculum and certificate programs designed to impart essential skills and expertise

at community college level and at centers. These programs prepare individuals for careers in pre-apprenticeship, safety training, engineering management, or project implementation for zero-emission infrastructure.

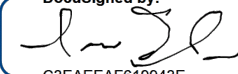
We look forward to supporting the development of local quality jobs in collaboration with local industry partners, particularly in low-income disadvantaged communities grappling with air pollution challenges. INVEST CLEAN will help our instructions grow career pathways for first generation students, women in trades and engineering, community and other programs. We understand that this workforce will be working on zero emission applications of trucks cargo handling, and locomotive emissions in areas near major freeways, rail yards, and warehouses, we aim to create a more sustainable and equitable future for all, and believe in centering frontline communities in this opportunity.

INVEST CLEAN will also provide a pathway for students in our programs to address equity issues by deploying zero-emission infrastructure and related benefits in low-income disadvantaged communities. This will help to support meaningful local economic growth and innovation in sustainable technologies.

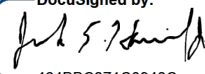
We support INVEST CLEAN and are committed to training and employing a diverse and skilled workforce to lead the zero-emission transformation of the Southern California goods movement corridor from the Coast through the Inland Valley to the California border. Together, we can empower individuals to become leaders in the transition to a more sustainable future while also fostering economic prosperity and environmental stewardship in our communities. We look forward to seeing the positive impact that INVEST CLEAN will have on our community and beyond.

Sincerely,

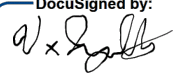
Dr. John Frala, Professor and Founder, Clean Fuel Education

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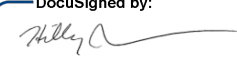
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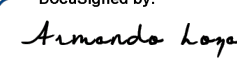
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