



June 29, 2010

Senator Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for S. 3442, The Electric Vehicle Deployment Act

Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein:

We are writing to strongly urge your support for efforts to advance the wide-scale deployment of electric vehicles and to develop the infrastructure needed to support them. Leaders across the United States understand that electric vehicles offer a cleaner, cheaper alternative to oil. As the Mayors of the largest cities in Northern California we are prepared to take the next step.

On May 27, Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced S. 3442, The Electric Vehicle Deployment Act, legislation under which geographic areas would compete to be selected as electrification “deployment communities”: specific geographic areas in which targeted, temporary financial incentives will be directed in support of electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support electric transportation. Reps. Ed Markey (D-MA), Judy Biggert (R-IL), Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and Jerry McNerney (D-CA) introduced a companion bill in the House.

We believe that providing focused, substantial resources to deploy all the elements of an electrified transportation system simultaneously in market regions which can most quickly serve as catalysts for widespread market adoption of EVs is the best path forward for ushering in sustainable transportation and, especially in light of the billion dollars per day our nation now pays for imported oil, is fiscally responsible. As Mayors in the San Francisco Bay Area we have pledged to work together to build charging infrastructure throughout our region and to make our region ready for electric vehicles when they roll off the assembly lines later this year. We are taking the first steps, but to achieve the systematic transition to electrified transportation that can dramatically improve our region’s and the nation’s transportation system, we need federal resources to leverage our efforts. We predict many regions will compete to be selected as the first deployment communities should this legislation become law. That competition alone will represent a crucial step forward, as

communities who strive to provide the most fertile ground for electrification will certainly benefit even if they are not chosen in the first round.

The unfolding crisis in the Gulf represents yet another signal of the danger of our dependence on oil. We power our cars and trucks with a fuel that pollutes our air and water, that has put our nation at the mercy of hostile nations in the middle east, and whose price can spike at the slightest provocation. The solution can be found in technologies being developed across the United States. We fully intend to take every advantage of America's newest, most cutting edge technologies, and we believe that electrification represents a crucial step forward towards energy independence.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Byron Dorgan
The Honorable Lamar Alexander
The Honorable Jeff Merkley