

July 18, 2018

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Attn: Bryan W. Shaw, Chairman
TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, TX 78753

Dear Chairman Shaw:

RE: Maximizing Settlement Fund Allocation for Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure

The Association of Global Automakers (Global Automakers) represents the U.S. operations of international motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, and other automotive-related trade associations. In 2016, our members manufactured 42% of all new motor vehicles and 69% of green technology vehicles sold in Texas.

Global Automakers and our members have a longstanding commitment to improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing fuel efficiency. Our members are investing heavily in alternative fuel and green technologies, including being the first to successfully launch hybrid electric vehicles 20 years ago and since then plug-in and fuel cell electric vehicles. We are proud that the number of electric-drive vehicles, in a variety of options and price points, are increasing every year.

Under Appendix D of the Volkswagen settlement, Texas is due to receive \$209 million, which can be used for a variety of environmental-based projects. A maximum of 15% of this money, or \$31 million, can be used for the acquisition, installation, operation, and maintenance of electric vehicle infrastructure.

Global Automakers urges the State of Texas to allocate the full 15% towards this effort and to support all electric vehicle infrastructure – charging stations *and* hydrogen refueling stations. The state needs to establish a strong foundation for electric vehicles by expanding its network of charging and building out a network of hydrogen refueling stations. Increasing available infrastructure is critical to the state's ability to advance electrification. Range anxiety is a significant impediment to sale of electric vehicles.

In 2017, Texas's electric-drive vehicle sales made up 0.4% of new vehicles sold. Investment in electric vehicle infrastructure responds to this problem while furthering air quality and supporting customers in your state that choose to buy an electric vehicle.



Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration of our request, and your continued support of electrification.

Sincerely,

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Damon Shelby Porter
Vice President
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