

October 3, 2018

Mr. Jon Niermann
Chairman
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, TX 78753

RE: Request for Comments on Proposed Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

Dear Commissioner Niermann:

On behalf of the Association of Global Automakers, www.globalautomakers.org, and our member companies, we thank you for allotting the full 15% allowed under Appendix D of the Volkswagen Settlement Mitigation for light-duty electric vehicle infrastructure. Our members are committed to electrification and offer a wide variety of electric-drive vehicles. In 2016, our members represented 69% of green technology vehicles sold in Texas.

We advocated to you previously that Texas use the full 15% allowed under Appendix D of the Volkswagen Settlement funds for light duty electric-drive vehicle infrastructure. We particularly commend you for including both fuel cell and battery electric technologies in your Mitigation Plan. Fuel cell and battery electric vehicles both play an important role in increasing electrification and ensuring the fullest range of electric vehicles to meet every customers' needs. These vehicles require infrastructure throughout the state, and investment in electric charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure responds to the need to grow the market while furthering air quality goals.

This much-needed investment in electric-drive vehicle infrastructure will help Texas build out its growing electric vehicle market. Once again, thank you for your efforts on the VW Settlement Mitigation Plan and your commitment to electrification.

Sincerely,



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Director, Environment and Energy