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California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

RE: FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members and Staff,

Proterra appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We thank the State for the significant investment in the advancement of clean transportation and prioritization of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) and ZEV infrastructure.

Proterra is a leader in the design and manufacture of zero-emission electric transit vehicles and electric vehicle (EV) technology solutions for commercial vehicle applications. Proterra's battery electric bus achieves up to 25 MPGe compared to 4 MPG for a diesel bus and can deliver nearly twice the horsepower and five times better fuel efficiency than a diesel bus. Proterra electric buses have zero tailpipe emissions or pollutants, eliminating about 230,000 pounds of CO₂ emissions annually for every diesel vehicle replaced. Our EV technology also powers coach buses, school buses, delivery vans and other commercial vehicles.

Proterra strongly supports the proposed heavy-duty and off-road investments included in the Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. Specifically, Proterra supports the proposed \$570 million for the HVIP program, including the \$70 million and \$130 million set asides for transit and school buses, respectively. The funding for transit will assist public fleets achieve compliance with the Innovative Clean Transit regulation and improve emissions from the public transit sector. The support for zero-emissions school buses will help school districts transition aging vehicle fleets and reduce exposure to harmful pollutants for the State's children.

Proterra also supports the proposed \$195 million allocation to the CORE program, which will help accelerate deployment of advanced technology in the off-road sector by providing a streamlined way for fleets to access funding that helps offset the incremental cost of such technology. There has been substantial interest and demand for CORE funding, and only one window of funding to date, and the proposed investment will provide much needed funding to support the off-road sector.

Proterra greatly appreciates the opportunity to provide input and support for the FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transportation Funding Plan. We look forward to continuing to work with ARB and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of clean and equitable transit options throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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