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Mary D. Nichols, Chair

California Air Resources Board

1011 I Street, P.O. Box 2415

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Volkswagen Settlement California ZEV Investment Plan

Dear Chair Nichols,

We are writing to express our support of the Volkswagen’s Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan, including the designation of Sacramento as the first Green City with a proposed investment of $44 million by June 2018. We believe that the City of Sacramento is a strong, capable partner that is ready to deliver on this important opportunity.

The Buffalo Chips Running Club is ready to support with delivering transformational outcomes for the Sacramento region. We believe that Volkswagen’s investment in Sacramento can provide a broad benefit that spurs innovation across the region. We support proposed investments in EV car sharing programs, ZEV delivery and taxi fleets, community charging infrastructure, and public education activities

Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in the nation, with significant potential to bring new ideas and service models to scale. Sacramento provides an ideal test market that is large enough to test new concepts, but small enough to implement visible change. Strong public-private partnerships provide a unique opportunity for the development of the ZEV industry, including new jobs-training programs and an emerging market for autonomous vehicle deployments. Sacramento’s diverse neighborhoods also stand to benefit from new programs for clean and affordable transportation, including low-cost ZEV vehicles, public charging infrastructure, and new car share programs.

Sacramento has the potential to deliver a transformational program that delivers real benefits to our communities. We thank you for your consideration of Sacramento for this exciting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Spolidoro

High Dunger, Buffalo Chips Running Club.

cc: Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor

 Kevin de León, Senate President Pro Tempore

Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker

Doris Matsui, Congresswoman

ARB Board Members

 Darrell Steinberg, Mayor of the City of Sacramento

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