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Dear Mr. Litzinger, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Carnahan,

I write to applaud your plan to work together in developing a collaborative and comprehensive blueprint for a regional plug-in electric vehicle charging system in Southern California. As the driver of a Nissan Leaf myself—one of only three Members of Congress to own a plug-in electric vehicle—I am intimately familiar with both the problems and promise of this new technology.

Electric vehicles must and will be a central component of Southern California's future. We stand to realize tremendous air quality improvements by switching to electric vehicles—improvements we are unlikely to achieve any other way. As high gas prices continue to threaten family budgets, the advantages of electric vehicles have never been clearer.

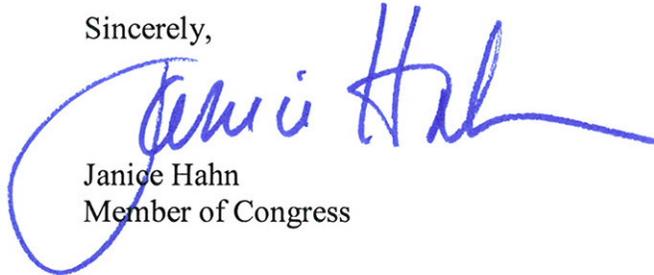
Unfortunately, “range anxiety”—the fear of not being able to find a charging station when their battery is low—deters many prospective EV drivers from purchasing an electric vehicle. I know I have certainly experienced this anxiety driving my own EV to visit my grandchildren, who live just beyond the range of my battery.

This is why the work you are doing together is so vital. The absence of a reliable and comprehensive charging network is holding back the widespread adoption of electric vehicles and all the good things they promise for our air quality and family budgets alike. If we develop a comprehensive plan for building charging stations where people go, at the mall, at the movie theater, at stadiums and the grocery store, we can end range anxiety once and for all.

With your collaboration, we can create a blueprint for Southern California that moves our transportation network into the future and establishes our region as a global leader in electric vehicle adoption.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to make that future a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janice Hahn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Janice Hahn
Member of Congress