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State Environmental Commission  
901 S. Stewart Street, Ste 4001  
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Letter in Support of Permanent Regulation R144-24: Bureau of Air Quality Planning – Clean Trucks and Buses Incentive Program

Dear Chair Porta, Vice Chair King, and honorable members of the State Environmental Commission,

**[The Electrification Coalition](#) is writing today in support of R144-24, which creates and establishes the requirements of the Clean Trucks and Buses Incentive Program and accelerates the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) across Nevada.**

The Electrification Coalition (EC) is a nationally recognized non-partisan, non-profit focused on achieving the mass adoption of EVs through a combination of stakeholder engagement, technical expertise, direct implementation, and policy support to facilitate the rapid deployment of electric vehicles (EVs). Such deployment of EVs on a mass scale combats national security, economic, and public health impacts, reducing our nation's dependence on oil. The EC's work in Nevada and other states is aided by our Energy Security Leadership Council – a group of senior business leaders and retired 4-star Admirals and Generals who find common purpose in the need to electrify the transportation sector as a matter of national and economic security.

**The U.S. transportation sector's overwhelming dependence on oil – a volatile global commodity influenced and manipulated by unreliable actors – is a direct threat to the interests of the United States and our allies.** While oil has facilitated the rise of the modern era, our overreliance on it has created tremendous energy security vulnerabilities because the price of this critical commodity is subject to manipulations by OPEC+ and global events that are beyond our ability to control. Such vulnerabilities constrain U.S. foreign policymaking, affect the flexibility and activities of the military, impact consumers at the pump, and threaten economic growth. The transition to electric vehicles (EVs) across all sectors of transportation can improve our national security, as these clean vehicles are powered by electricity generated from domestic sources that are readily available, cleaner and stably priced.

**Mass adoption of EVs is key to addressing U.S.'s reliance on oil, which powers 90 percent of our nation's transportation. The Clean Trucks and Buses Incentive Program will help to accelerate the adoption of electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, and add to Nevada's national leadership in the transition towards an all-electric transportation system. R144-24 will also support the nation's growing EV supply chain and manufacturing capabilities, which will enhance Nevada's – and our nation's – ability to compete globally and safeguard our economic security at home.**

**Nevada's economy also stands to benefit from its EV industry leadership as increasing demand for EVs, batteries, and inputs across the entire supply chain will be beneficial for companies already within the state and others that may come.**

The future of our nation depends on our ability to control our destiny with regards to our transportation fuels and technologies. With the geopolitical events recently that have led to skyrocketing gas prices, now is the time to ensure Nevadans are given every opportunity to transition away from needing to rely on oil for their transportation needs.

In addition to our comments here, we are also submitting a letter of support written to Governor Lombardo by General Charles Wald (ret.), a member of our Energy Security Leadership Council, in support of AB 184.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of R144-24.

Sincerely,

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