

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0536

April 25, 2012

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
The Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

As California moves forward with its buildout of a statewide electric vehicle charging network, I urge you to recognize the unique benefits electric vehicles would offer the Los Angeles region, and ask that you commit to major investments in electric vehicle infrastructure for our area.

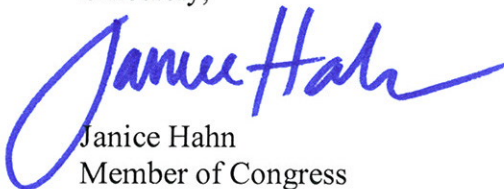
The Los Angeles region ranks first, second and fourth in nation in the air pollution categories tracked by the American Lung Association. Six to seven percent of all children in Los Angeles have asthma—higher than the national average, and disproportionately impacting minority children. A 2008 peer-reviewed Cal State Fullerton study found that dirty air in the Los Angeles Air Basin costs residents nearly \$22 billion a year in health costs, premature death, lost days at work and lost days at school.

Much of this pollution comes from the exhaust of the more than 7.5 million cars and trucks on our roads. While meaningful investments in mass transit infrastructure are clearly required, it is also clear that my freeway-bound city will never fully disentangle itself from the car.

Electric vehicles must and will be a central component of Los Angeles's transportation future. We stand to realize tremendous air quality improvements by switching to electric vehicles—improvements we are unlikely to achieve any other way. Unfortunately, a lack of charging stations inhibits the widespread adoption of electric vehicles. As such, I urge you to provide a share of electric vehicle charging infrastructure that matches the scale of the special opportunity for electric vehicles in Los Angeles.

I look forward to working with you to make California and Los Angeles global leaders in electric vehicle implementation.

Sincerely,



Janice Hahn  
Member of Congress