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TO: Manufacturers of Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles

Date: August 5, 2019

SUBJECT: GREENHOUSE GAS PROGRAM COMPLIANCE PATH FOR MODEL YEAR 2020 VEHICLES

Prior to producing 2020 model year (MY) vehicles, manufacturers of passenger cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles stated whether they were electing to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 1961.3, by opting into the National Greenhouse Gas (GHG) program instead of the California GHG program.¹ There have been substantive changes proposed for the National GHG program and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has clarified its requirements as a result of these proposed changes. In light of the proposed federal changes, CARB is providing manufacturers that have previously indicated they have opted into the National GHG program to demonstrate compliance with 13 CCR section 1961.3 for 2020 MY vehicles the opportunity to reaffirm or change their compliance path.

A manufacturer that wishes to choose the California GHG program for MY 2020 must notify CARB in writing by August 16, 2019. In addition, manufacturers electing to demonstrate compliance with the California GHG Standards and Procedures under Option 2 in 13 CCR Section 1961.3(a)(5)(D) must notify CARB of this selection in writing. Such notification shall be submitted into CARB's Electronic Documentation System in the manufacturer's correspondence folder addressed to Mr. Allen Lyons, Chief, Emissions Certification and Compliance Division.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jackie Lourenco, Chief, New Vehicle/Engine Programs Branch at (626) 450-6152 or Jackie.Lourenco@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ "Greenhouse Gas Exhaust Emission Standards and Test Procedures – 2017 and Subsequent Model Passenger Cars, Light-Duty Trucks, and Medium-Duty Vehicles" (California GHG Standards and Procedures) in Section 1961.3(c) of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (13 CCR).