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Assemblymember Betsy Butler
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Location: Senate Floor

Re: AB 475 (Butler) Vehicles: offstreet parking: electric vehicles (As Amended 6/21/11)

Dear Assemblymember Butler,

Plug In America drives change. We are working to accelerate the shift to plug-in vehicles powered by clean, affordable, domestic electricity to reduce our nation's dependence on petroleum and improve the global environment. As the organization representing the millions of potential future consumers of plug-in hybrids and fully electric vehicles, we respectfully oppose AB 475 as amended on June 21, 2011.

Plug In America enthusiastically originally endorsed AB 475 at introduction (February 15, 2011), which would have simply added plug-in hybrids to an existing EV parking law. Unfortunately, the current amendments to AB 475 will actually make it more difficult for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids to share charging infrastructure. We now oppose this bill because it will hurt the consumers who it was designed to help and will not accomplish its stated goal. This, in turn, could reduce the demand for the next generation of clean efficient vehicles which run on clean domestic electricity.

Please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Friedland".

Jay Friedland
Legislative Director

cc: Brian Putler, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office
Jonas Austin, Senate Floor Analyst
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