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Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association Applaud Legislation to Address Electrical Grid Challenges in California

Expanding electrical grid capacity critical to zero-emission commercial vehicle transition

CHICAGO, IL – Members of the Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) today expressed support for SB 410, the *Powering Up Californians Act*, a bill [recently signed into law](#) by Governor Gavin Newsom that will address delays in grid connections and accelerate electrification efforts crucial to the state’s goal to transition medium- and heavy-duty vehicles to zero-emission.

In a [letter](#) to Governor Newsom endorsing the legislation, EMA wrote:

California policymakers have put forward several ambitious goals and policies to transition California’s transportation sector to zero-emission vehicles...A crucial enabling condition to achieving that target is developing robust electricity-charging and hydrogen-fueling infrastructures to power those zero-emission commercial vehicles.

SB 410 will require the California Public Utilities Commission to establish target energization time periods for the electricity grid expansion needed to power zero-emission vehicles. Expanding the electricity grid to support the demands of electricity charging stations will be essential to achieving widespread deployment of zero-emission commercial vehicles in California.

EMA President Jed Mandel applauded SB 410, stating, “The U.S. commercial trucking industry is on the verge of transformation to ZEVs, and manufacturers are leading the way through investment, innovation, and engineering. EMA and its member companies are helping to realize this zero-emission future by working with state and federal policymakers to ensure their regulatory efforts speed the transition to ZEVs, rather than unintentionally hinder the progress underway. We are pleased that Governor Newsom and legislators in California are taking action to hasten the infrastructure development needed to power medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs. We hope other states will follow suit with similar legislation.”

To learn more about EMA’s advocacy efforts and positions, visit cleantruckfacts.org.

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The Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) represents the world’s leading manufacturers of medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles, internal combustion engines, and zero-emission powertrains. EMA works with governments and other stakeholders to help the nation achieve its goals of cleaner air and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and to ensure that regulatory standards are technology feasible, cost effective, and successful. By continually improving commercial vehicle and powertrain technologies, EMA’s members are in the forefront of providing clean and efficient products that meet their customers’ business needs and protect the environment.