



PARTNERS FOR A ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE FUTURE

Dear [xxxx],

Under the direction of the Biden Administration, the U.S. Department of Transportation has just announced significant funding for zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) charging infrastructure. The best use of this funding is to be decided upon by each state in an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan that must be submitted to the federal government by August 1, 2022. This funding presents a timely and vital opportunity to kick-start the critical deployment of commercial ZEV charging infrastructure, which is negligible to nonexistent in many states.

States must factor ZEV truck charging into their NEVI plans.

Thanks to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law last November, \$5 billion in federal funds will be made available to states over the next five years to build out a nationwide electric vehicle charging network through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program. This funding is a vital cornerstone of our nation's strategy to site, install and operate the ZEV charging infrastructure that will accelerate the transition to an emission-free transportation future.

An essential part of this clean transportation future is the shift from today's diesel trucks to the commercial ZEV fleets of the future.

Amid a wider shift toward e-commerce accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, commercial fleets will be increasingly relied upon to serve the consumer and business needs of communities across the United States. The American Trucking Associations predicts overall freight tonnage will grow to 20.6 billion tons in 2030 – an increase of more than 25 percent from 2019's projection of 16.4 billion tons.

The clean transportation shift must account for all vehicles, not just light-duty passenger cars.

The clean truck transition requires an environment that is supportive of a shift from diesel to ZEV trucks, as the high costs and short timelines involved are too much and too risky for commercial fleets to shoulder alone. Supporting that shift with NEVI funding also brings tangible nationwide economic and societal benefits, from the reduced public health impact of public emissions to maintaining the critical role the automotive and truck industry plays in our nation's economic health. Millions of jobs and families, living and working in communities and small businesses across every state and industry, are impacted by adverse economic impacts to trucking operations. Shifting from a globally priced, volatile commodity like petroleum to a fuel that is low and stable in price – as well as domestic and diverse in source – will strengthen long-term U.S. economic and national security.

NEVI funding is vital to creating that conducive environment.

When [INSERT STATE] submits its EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan to the federal government, we urge [INSERT STATE / AGENCY] to factor in vital medium- and heavy-duty ZEV charging infrastructure as part of those plans.

Sincerely,
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