

September 2, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, House Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Chairman Neal and Chairman Wyden:

We write today as a diverse group of automakers, suppliers, utilities, and infrastructure companies, with global expertise, committed to working toward a net-zero carbon transportation sector and enabling a rapid shift to electric vehicles (“EVs”) in the United States.

Together, we represent more than 3 million U.S. workers, 250,000 of whom are directly employed in EV manufacturing jobs. Our collective efforts have brought more than 50 electric drive vehicle models into today’s market and we are building out the electric transportation ecosystem, which is integral to U.S. leadership in environmental sustainability and driving electric vehicle technology forward.

We appreciate the vision and efforts of Congress to advance electric transportation and we stand ready to work with you to achieve the Administration’s electrification goals. Reaching success extends far beyond traditional automotive suppliers and vehicle design and assembly. It includes battery manufacturing, rare earth mineral processing and sustainable battery recycling programs. Federal research and development funding, investment tax credits and loan guarantees are all needed for companies to establish resilient EV/battery supply chain capacity in the U.S.

As the automotive sector makes historic investments to reinvent the transportation ecosystem, we share the Administration’s goals of ensuring that the new jobs created by this transformation provide good, livable wages. A comprehensive and consistent electrification policy is needed to accompany and reinforce industry efforts to build the electric drive ecosystem.

One critical policy is the consumer purchase incentive, which has demonstrated its effectiveness in growing the EV market. To reflect the changing market and our shared goals, we urge Congress to expand and extend the Section 30B and 30D tax credits for fuel cell electric and battery electric vehicles to support consumer acceptance and help manufacturers reach the economies of scale needed to achieve parity with today’s gas-powered vehicle market. To effectively accelerate the transition to electric transportation, in the time frame necessary to address the threats of climate change, an updated electric vehicle credit needs to provide a broad incentive for diverse consumers, infrastructure, and vehicle markets.

A robust U.S. marketplace will enhance the growth of a domestic supply chain, create employment all over the country and provide public benefits in every community. With the goal of significantly increasing the number of EVs on the road, the credit should fully apply to the broadest range of vehicles and be available to the broadest range of consumers.

The U.S. can lead the development and adoption of innovative technologies, while also developing supply-chains, creating jobs, defining global standards, and reshaping the international marketplace. Together, we can establish the policies that will speed the transition to e-mobility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, expanding U.S. market leadership, and securing the transportation workforce of the future.

We thank you for your consideration and commitment to the electric drive future.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Automotive Innovation
Autos Drive America
Electric Drive Transportation Association (EDTA)
Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA)