

September 13, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
Minority Leader  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable John Yarmuth  
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The Honorable Jason Smith  
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The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairmen Yarmuth and Sanders, and Ranking Members Smith and Graham:

On behalf of CALSTART and the undersigned member companies and industry coalitions, we write to you today to express our strong support for the inclusion of robust investments in the electric vehicle (EV) battery supply chain as part of the reconciliation bill. These programmatic investments and tax policy support are critical if the U.S. industry is to win the global battery manufacturing race for electric vehicles.

CALSTART is a national coalition that seeks to expand U.S. battery component manufacturing and spur domestic manufacturing jobs across the whole supply chain for EV lithium-ion batteries, from raw material processing to the full battery pack, including battery recycling at end-of-life.

Because of the projected market growth of EVs and the number of emerging, innovative U.S.-based battery manufacturers, CALSTART recommends the following provisions for the reconciliation bill:

- \$6 billion for battery manufacturing grants to support the full domestic supply chain that includes various EV battery components and the raw, critical minerals that are now imported from China and other economic competitors. This funding would be in addition to the \$6 billion already included in the Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure bill – H.R. 3684.

- \$5 billion for investment in new research and development with universities, national laboratories, and industry to ensure that the U.S. sustains a leadership position over the coming decade.
- A 30 percent refundable manufacturing tax credit to incentivize new private investment and create jobs up and down the battery manufacturing supply chain.
- \$200 million to create new training programs and target dislocated workers in distressed areas that have lost jobs because of the clean energy transition underway and to develop industry training standards and skilled-job certifications.

As the U.S. moves to electrify the transportation sector, our nation has an unprecedented opportunity to help address climate change while creating thousands of new, good-paying manufacturing jobs and local economic development opportunities. However, new policies are required to establish a domestic EV battery supply chain that reduces U.S. economic vulnerabilities with importing materials and offers new prospects for economic growth and national security by supplying EV battery materials and components to global markets.

As such, we urge you to adopt these recommendations as part of the reconciliation bill.

Sincerely,

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