



ZERO EMISSION
TRANSPORTATION
ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Schumer:

The Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA) is a federal coalition advocating for 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales by 2030. We are dedicated to advancing policies that drive transportation electrification, which will create millions of good-paying jobs, secure American global EV manufacturing leadership, dramatically improve public health, and significantly reduce carbon pollution. Our coalition spans the entire EV supply chain, encompassing critical minerals developers, original equipment manufacturers, charging infrastructure installers, utility providers, and battery recyclers, among others.

We write today on behalf of our members to express our support for provisions authored by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), which would play a profoundly important role in the deployment of zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) as well as critically related infrastructure and workforce development. Thank you for your consideration of the following items and for the work undertaken during the 117th Congress, which has positioned the United States toward a historic set of clean energy investments.

In combination with well-crafted provisions from the Senate Finance Committee related to ZEV deployment and alternative fuel infrastructure refueling property, we are confident these provisions would help ensure the United States becomes the global growth hub for jobs in the ZEV and related infrastructure markets.

As you continue your efforts to help craft a historic package of clean energy investments, we call your attention to three provisions from the EPW Committee. Section 30101 would provide \$5 billion for investments in eligible heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) and the installation of necessary infrastructure, workforce development, and technical assistance. Beyond the significant public health benefits associated with this provision, this funding would be especially meaningful in the development of alternative refueling infrastructure for HDVs, given that it is more difficult for those vehicles to utilize publicly available refueling infrastructure. We are confident this funding would have a meaningful impact on the adoption of ZEVs and would result in sizable cost reductions for taxpayers and fleet operators alike.

Section 30102 would make \$2.625 billion available for rebates and grants to purchase and install zero-emission equipment and technology at ports. Many port communities are environmental

justice communities with high emitting diesel trucks, ships, trains, and cargo handling equipment. As global trade continues to increase, emissions are projected to grow from the shipping industry, both from ocean vessels at sea and mobile sources at ports. The funds in Section 30102 would spur investment into our ports and improve air quality.

Section 30103 would make \$10 billion available for the Environmental Protection Agency to make competitive funding available to underserved communities to take advantage of zero emission technologies, especially zero emission supply equipment. Our associations are committed to helping to address the challenge of providing convenient and reliable access to charging to all demographics, particularly those most impacted by air pollution, which often are frontline communities. The enactment of Section 30103 would represent one of the most significant actions the federal government has ever taken to prioritize and leverage clean energy and zero emission investments in disadvantaged communities.

Section 30807 would make \$690 million available for the General Services Administration for the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of ZEVs and their related infrastructure. In addition to the substantial cost-savings the taxpayer could receive from transitioning its fleet toward electric vehicles, given the high costs of fossil fuels, this funding would also have a meaningful impact on the environment. It would also transform the United States into a leadership position in the advanced manufacturing sector, creating good jobs across the country.

Thank you again for your consideration of our views and your ongoing work to help craft a historical clean energy investments package. As always, please feel free to have your staff contact us should you wish to discuss these or any other items of interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joe Britton', written in a cursive style.

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