

May 9, 2008

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
US House of Representatives 20515

The Honorable Jim McCrery
Ranking Member
Ways and Means Committee
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. McCrery:

Advancing plug-in electric drive vehicle technology is a critical element of an effective national energy policy. Plug-in electric drive vehicles reduce oil consumption and can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by displacing oil with domestically-produced electricity from the grid.

The undersigned members of the Electric Drive Transportation Association and other supporters of advanced vehicle technology recognize the need to move the electric drive effort forward as quickly as possible. Congress can support our effort to accelerate commercialization of plug-in electric drive by establishing a consumer credit for plug-in electric drive vehicles in this session.

Specifically, we support a consumer credit for plug-in electric drive vehicle purchases that includes all on-road vehicles able to use grid electricity to displace oil consumption.

For example, S. 1617 includes a scaleable credit, based on battery size and vehicle weight, to encourage plug-in electric drive vehicles at the high and low end of the weight scale that serve different transportation needs for consumers, communities, and businesses.

It is vitally important that we start building the plug-in electric drive market, and US electric drive industrial capacity, as soon as possible. Delays will compromise our leadership in the global industry and extend our unsustainable dependence on oil.

In this Congress, both the House and Senate have repeatedly demonstrated their support for the creation of a plug-in electric drive vehicle credit. We urge you to use the earliest opportunity this year to establish a plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and help to make plug-in technology a mainstream transportation option in the U.S.

Sincerely,

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American Public Power Association
Austin Energy
DTE Energy

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Electro Energy, Inc.
EnerDel
General Motors
Global Electric Motorcars
Google.org
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Johnson Controls, Inc.
K2 Energy Solutions, Inc
Miles Electric Vehicles
Pacific Gas & Electric
Phoenix Motor Cars
Progress Energy Corporation
Segway, Inc.
Seattle City Light
Smith Electric Vehicles
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Tesla Motors
Toyota Motor North America
Vectrix Corporation

cc: House Appropriations Committee Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis

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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman
Finance Committee
US Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member
Finance Committee
US Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Byrd and Ranking Member Cochran