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To all Members of Congress:

On behalf of the 75 undersigned organizations, we write to urge you to support the **Electric Vehicles (*EVs For All*)** bill. EVs for All would greatly expand access to electric vehicles for residents of public housing throughout the nation who currently have little to no access to EVs and are suffering from high gas prices and from disproportionate exposure to pollution from vehicles.

The *EVs For All* Act would require that the U.S. Departments of Energy (DOE) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD), develop a program which would provide grants of up to \$1M to public housing agencies, local governments or non-profits to support EV car sharing services at public housing projects. The bill, based on the successful development and deployment of [similar pilot projects](#), would authorize up to \$50M in annual appropriations from 2022-2031 providing dozens of communities across the country the opportunity to expand EV accessibility to low-income residents.

This coalition applauds the \$7.5 billion in electric vehicle and charging investments in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), and the proposed EV investments in the Build Back Better Act. These federal investments would be a significant step toward achieving the administration’s goal of getting 500,000 chargers installed by 2030. However, to accelerate EV adoption and meet the administration's ambitious Justice40 goals, electrification must happen more equitably. [Currently, most level 2 and fast-charging stations are located only in neighborhoods where residents can afford electric vehicles](#); by contrast, areas where average incomes are below \$50,000 are often “charging deserts.”

The *EVs for All Act* would complement the goals of the IIJA by making sure that the benefits of the transition to electric vehicles are shared by ALL, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

The path to a zero emissions future includes making vehicles and infrastructure more accessible to low-income communities and communities of color while also addressing community transportation needs and providing hands-on education and outreach to demystify electric vehicles and demonstrate how they can effectively and affordably provide reliable transportation solutions for all Americans. The projects that will be

deployed with support from this program, will provide learnings that will be shared and used to inform new projects and policy recommendations.

We urge you to support this important bill. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Dernoga at [matt.dernoga@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.dernoga@mail.house.gov)

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