

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are pleased to send you the following letter expressing our support for the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and Efficiency Maine's application for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant.

The funding requested by MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will play a vital role in achieving several key objectives including assisting Maine in meeting the EV charging requirements along federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors and ensuring the availability of charging infrastructure beyond fuel corridors, including disadvantaged communities, to cater to the needs of residents and tourists.

This project aims to provide widespread public charging capabilities across Maine's communities, particularly benefiting individuals who lack access to home charging options, such as those residing in apartments and multi-unit dwellings. By strategically locating chargers in neighborhoods of various income levels, including disadvantaged communities, the project will foster inclusivity and significantly alleviate "range anxiety" by bridging gaps between charging locations.

We commend MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine for pursuing discretionary funding from the USDOT for this crucial project. Maine has been at the forefront of EV adoption and has long been committed to ambitious climate improvement goals. It is our hope that the USDOT can assist the state in reaching its goals by ensuring easy and equitable access to EV charging stations for all members of our community, including residents and tourists.

Thank you for your time on behalf of MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine. We urge your full and fair consideration of their application, in accordance with all rules and regulations. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Corrinne Latti at 202-225-6116 (Pingree) or Barbara Hayslett at 207-492-6009 (Golden).

Sincerely,



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United States Representative



Jared Golden  
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