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The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Maine Department of Transportation's application to fund the Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project under the FY 2024-2025 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's ("MaineDOT") application under the FY 2024-2025 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. The application outlines MaineDOT's important plans—with support from project partner Efficiency Maine Trust ("Efficiency Maine")—to expand access to electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) in Maine.

Through the Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project ("Project"), MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will install 80 DC Fast Charger ports for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty EVs across 20 strategic locations on Maine's most heavily travelled corridors. The new chargers will supplement the existing and growing network of public and private chargers and help complete the State's AFC buildout.

In alignment with the Maine Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment, the Project will:

- Reduce EV range anxiety for residents and Maine's many visitors along Federally designated AFCs;
- Strengthen Maine's economy by reducing drivers' fuel costs and ensuring charging ease for visitors;
- Advance Maine's progress toward reducing harmful emissions from vehicles; and
- Help Maine meet its overarching goals to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

Widespread adoption of EVs is essential to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the State's natural resources. In light of these considerations, we respectfully request the Federal Highway Administration give favorable consideration to the Delivering the Charge Project.

In 2022, Biddeford City Council adopted our own resolution to reduce carbon emissions 63% by 2030 over our 2019 baseline. This project will help our community reach that goal, as well as to reach our ultimate goal of net zero emissions by 2050. This work supports many of the other goals we have outlined in Biddeford's climate action plan, adopted by City Council in 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Grohman".

Martin Grohman
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Good luck! we are very supportive!
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