

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

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RE: Support for Zero Emission Vehicles

Dear Governor Cuomo

We, the undersigned, are writing to you today to express our support for smart and effective policies that will help put more zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) on the roads here in New York, while giving our residents cleaner air to breathe and putting money back in their pockets.

ZEVs drastically cut down on our use of oil and improve our national security while producing little to no zero tailpipe emissions. Since the American Lung Association gave many cities in our region a failing or poor grade for our air quality in 2015, more ZEVs on the road means drastically improved air quality for our residents. Moreover, the average cost of fueling a car with electricity is roughly the same as paying for gas at about \$1.25/gallon- prices our state has not seen in over a decade. This means the money not spent on gas can be invested back into our communities and state.

Consumer demand for these vehicles is growing. In the first half of 2016, U.S. ZEV sales have increased about 20% over the first half of 2015. At the local level, we're committed to doing our part to accommodate this demand and accelerate ZEV adoption through a variety of programs such as growing our municipal ZEV fleets and installing public and workplace electric vehicle charging stations. Local programs coupled with state, regional and federal programs can go a long way towards accelerating the ZEV market. In particular, we look forward to working with your administration to achieve the goals of the Zero Emission Vehicle program, which calls for 850,000 ZEVs to be on the road in New York by 2025.

Thanks to New York's adoption of this ZEV program, the future for electric vehicles in our state is bright – especially with the elimination of the travel loophole exemption that will require automakers to begin selling a growing percentage of ZEVs in our state and eight others starting in 2018. We urge you to support the California Air Resources Board to continue its strong ZEV policies that allow states like New York to continue being a leader in advancing the ZEV marketplace.

Respectfully,

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