



January 16, 2019

Dear Governor Lamont:

We write to you as representatives of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Club of Connecticut and the Connecticut Electric Vehicle Coalition to congratulate you on your election victory and being sworn in as Governor, and to offer you our enthusiastic support as your administration works to move our state forward toward a stronger, healthier economy.

The EV Club represents over 6,000 residents of Connecticut who are currently owners of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEVs). The Club's mission is to work with stakeholders and policy makers to accelerate EV adoption to meet the State's goal of having 150,000 EVs on the road by 2025.

The Connecticut Electric Vehicle Coalition is a diverse group of clean energy advocates and businesses, community justice organizations, labor unions, and local businesses that work together to advance policies that will build out electric vehicle infrastructure and put more electric vehicles on the road in Connecticut. The combination of these two goals will achieve significant economic, health, and climate benefits for the State.

Together our organizations are part of a large network of EV drivers and environmental and business advocates who are eager to see the positive benefits that widespread EV adoption will bring to Connecticut.

We are thrilled that Connecticut finally has an EV owner as Governor, and we are eager to support you in fulfilling your campaign pledge "to do everything we can to encourage electric car ownership in the state." Our organizations and our members agree with you that a green economy is a strong economy, and are excited that you recognize the significant environmental and economic benefits of EVs, as well as the necessity of widespread EV adoption.

Specific EV and clean transportation policies we hope to help you advance on behalf of Connecticut residents include:

- Leading by example by electrifying Connecticut's state-owned vehicle fleet, including transit buses;
- Improving equity by increasing availability of EVs and bolstering stakeholder confidence through a fully funded and expanded electric vehicle rebate program;
- Facilitating buildout of charging infrastructure by revising building codes to more fully support electric vehicle charging;

- Increasing access to charging infrastructure by identifying funding sources to support deployment of a statewide network of publicly accessible EV chargers that are carefully sited to maximize access and exposure;
- Adopting a regional policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation that generates funding to invest in and accelerate clean transportation for all;
- Allowing direct sale of EVs, which will bring new revenues, job creation and economic activity to Connecticut while making it easier for Connecticut consumers to choose electric.

Your energy policy transition committee largely supported all of these measures, and almost all of them were incorporated into the top 10 [recommendations](#) presented to you on January 4, 2018.

Our organizations fully support your administration's efforts to promote zero-emission vehicles for a healthier population and economy. We hope to have the opportunity to meet with you and your staff soon to discuss the above priorities. We will also be hosting an educational forum on the benefits of these policies in State Capitol Room 310 (Old Appropriations) at 12pm on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We welcome you and your staff to participate in the event.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

### **Members of the Connecticut Electric Vehicle Coalition**

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- Connecticut Fund for the Environment\*†
- Connecticut Nurses Association
- Connecticut Roundtable on Climate & Jobs\*
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