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Mark McNabb
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Dear Mr. McNabb,

A year ago, Governor Inslee and I jointly submitted to you our “Pacific Northwest ZEV Investment Proposal,” in which we outlined our vision for a transformative investment in transportation electrification. I was pleased to see that Electrify America also recognizes the potential of the Pacific Northwest region as a target for transportation electrification. I am proud to report that since we submitted our proposal, the zero emission vehicle (ZEV) ecosystem in the Pacific Northwest has only grown. Today, with this proposal for Electrify America’s Cycle 2 investment plan, I am encouraging you to further expand charging infrastructure in Oregon.

In Oregon, we recently surpassed 16,000 electric vehicles on the road, and we have deepened our commitment to a strong electric vehicle future. In November 2017, I issued Executive Order No. 17-21 to accelerate the adoption of ZEVs in Oregon. My executive order sets an ambitious goal: more than tripling the number of registered and operating electric vehicles in Oregon to 50,000 by 2020. To achieve this goal, we have developed and are implementing strategies to improve Oregonians’ access to electric vehicles, to support the installation of electric vehicle infrastructure, and to raise awareness of electric vehicles throughout the state. My executive order builds on legislation I signed in 2017 to generate up to $12 million each year through 2023 to encourage purchases or leases of electric vehicles through rebates.

My executive order directs the state government to lead by example by increasing public fleet adoption of electric vehicles and access to workplace charging for state employees. It directs the development of electric vehicle ready building codes, as well as supporting other programs such as Oregon’s Clean Fuels Program and ZEV Regulatory Program. My executive order moves the state forward with complementary funding that can help to supplement the electric vehicle infrastructure investments made by charging providers. This funding includes the Public Utility Commission’s implementation of utility transportation electrification plans and the Department of Environmental Quality’s development of a plan to use up to 15% of the Appendix D funds to support vehicle electrification.
Oregon is committed to its support for electric vehicles and looks forward to an ongoing partnership with Electrify America to continue building the market for clean transportation in the state. In the Cycle 2 ZEV Investment Plan, Oregon and Washington have once again partnered to voice our mutual support for electrification with a coordinated approach to supporting the transition to ZEVs. In this investment period, I encourage Electrify America to further expand your charging footprint in our state, which will help ensure that even more Oregonians have access to reliable, high-speed EV charging. Together, we can realize our common vision for electric transportation in the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,

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Governor Kate Brown