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Sent: Sunday, October 3, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Secretary, BPUBoard [BPU]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed NJCEP FY22 Second Budget Revision, Docket QO21040720

Dear Board Secretary,

There is no question that electric vehicles are essential to reducing GHG emissions, and Governor Murphy recognizes that. In order to accomplish his goal of expanding EV's, expanded funding of the EV Rebate Program is essential.

I am writing to ask the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to increase 2022 funding for electric vehicle rebates. The Charge Up New Jersey EV Rebate Program doesn't have enough funding. We've seen the application period close early every year so far because the number of applicants exceeded the available funding.

It is important that the BPU is going to be reopening the program as quickly as possible, but we need a consistent source of funding to truly develop and grow the EV market in New Jersey. This program needs to be as strong as possible so that we can move forward with electric vehicles. Not only do EVs help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but they create green jobs as well. Investing in electric vehicles is an investment in clean energy and an investment in our future. We need to accelerate the EV rebate program, not put up stop signs to stop it.

We have also seen supply chain disruptions related to the current pandemic. Therefore, this program must allow for the ability to reserve rebate funding when orders are placed instead of waiting until the vehicle is delivered. The program should also allow for extended wait times that could be more than 6 months.

Governor Murphy has made a commitment to get to 330,000 EVs on the road by 2025 and 100% electric vehicles being sold by 2035. However, reducing the EV rebate budget hurts our ability to reach those goals. I'm also concerned that once the rebate is lowered, it will be nearly impossible to raise it in the future.

We need to make sure there is adequate funding for our EV rebate program so we can move forward quickly with EVs. Over 45% of our greenhouse gases in New Jersey come from vehicles, and our state suffers from failing air quality. Please take these comments into consideration when looking at the 2022 budget and funding for the Charge Up New Jersey EV Rebate Program.

Sincerely,

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