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Connecticut Plug-In Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure Incentives Senate Bill 1168

SB 1168 will provide important purchase incentives for consumers of plug-in electric vehicles with extended range capabilities and will encourage the rapid adaptation of advanced technology vehicles through access to electric vehicle charging stations both in residential and commercial settings. This infrastructure tax incentive will allow consumers to upgrade their home charging capabilities and reduce charging time for battery-powered vehicles, allow business owners and employers to offset the cost of installing charging stations for their employees or company fleets, and create new business opportunities across the state. These tax credits help overcome the increased cost associated with purchasing advanced technology vehicles that operate more efficiently and more cleanly.

Many cities and states have recognized the importance of promoting infrastructure investment. In order to achieve a mass transition to new technologies, local, state and federal governments must help eliminate infrastructure obstacles. Manufacturers will be more inclined to invest in advanced vehicle technology if a mature, supportive infrastructure exists for their products. The successful development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure is crucial to improving the environmental performance of the light-duty vehicle fleet, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and breaking our nation's



dependence on foreign oil. Additionally, the manufacturing and installation of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure will create jobs that will benefit the economy of Connecticut. A workforce skilled in the manufacturing and installation of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure will attract future investments and will aid the diversification of the state economy and aid in the transition to a "green economy".

Senate Bill 1168 will serve to unify Connecticut with a national movement to encourage the growth and development of a new generation of motor vehicles and their necessary infrastructure. The availability of consumer incentives for plug-in electric vehicle charging infrastructure will give Connecticut consumers an added opportunity to begin moving toward a cleaner motor vehicle alternative and begin the transition away from America's dependence on foreign oil. When combined with federal tax credits and municipal utility incentives, the addition of a state infrastructure incentive program rewards consumers for making a responsible choice and helps build confidence that electric vehicle technology is a viable alternative.

I strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 1168.

Sincerely,

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