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Good morning,

As a long-time state citizen, environmental advocate, and expert in sustainable design & alternative energy, I give my full support to promoting electric and other zero-emissions vehicles. I hold with the CT Fund for the Environment in their assessment of the benefits, that Electric vehicles (EVs) and zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) can be an important part of cutting air pollution and meeting Connecticut's climate goals, but only if they are affordable and attractive to buyers. We need strong legislation to promote ZEV use in Connecticut, namely:

- Establish a financial incentive--in the form of a tax break or rebate of between \$2,500 and \$5,000--that will combine with an existing federal rebate of \$7,500 to make ZEVs competitive.
- Add other incentives like access to HOV lanes.
- Require electric utilities to provide reduced rates for nighttime charging, when demand is low.
- Encourage the building of more charging stations through tax exemptions and updated building codes.
- Lead by example by purchasing ZEVs for the state fleet.

In brief, EVs & ZEV are an important part of our energy-integrated future, and the sooner they are deployed the better for all of us!

Yours most sincerely,

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