



March 1, 2024

Dear Chair Anthony, Chair Irwin, Chair Cherry, Chair Witwer, Chair Hood, Chair Brabec, and Senate and House Appropriations Committee Members:

The undersigned organizations support continued investments in the clean mobility economy in the State of Michigan. First, we thank you for your leadership in advancing clean mobility, which has resulted in Michigan continuing to lead the Midwest in clean transportation sector employment with 14 percent growth in the past year, according to the most recent [Midwest Clean Jobs Report](#).

We strongly endorse the inclusion of funding for EV and alternative fuel programs in the Fiscal Year 2025 State Budget. As representatives of the dynamic clean mobility industries, we recognize the immense potential and opportunities that the widespread adoption of cleaner mobility technologies presents for Michigan. We enthusiastically advocate for these investments, which align with our state's historical ties to the automotive sector and are pivotal to fostering innovation, job creation, and a sustainable future for The Great Lakes State.

- **Clean Fuel and Charging Infrastructure: \$65 million (EGLE)**
To build out Michigan's clean fuel and EV charging infrastructure for multi-family housing and public fast charging and to deploy clean fueling stations for MHD and transit applications.
- **Clean Fleets: \$50 million (EGLE)**
To provide grants to municipalities, transit authorities, and ports to replace medium and heavy-duty fleet vehicles with emission-free alternatives such as battery EVs and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

- **State Fleet Electric Vehicle Transition: \$2 million ongoing (DTMB)**
In alignment with [Executive Directive 2023-5](#), this \$2 million investment adds to last year's \$1 million budget allocation to transition the state to zero-emission vehicles.
- **Hydrogen Refueling: \$22.3 million (LEO - Supplemental)**
Targeted toward building refueling infrastructure for heavy-duty trucking and making Michigan more competitive for the federal Hydrogen Hubs MachH2 funding.

Michigan has long been at the forefront of the automotive industry. With the global shift towards clean and advanced mobility, our state must continue leading in this pivotal moment of transformation.

We urge you to consider the lasting positive effects that allocating funding for clean and advanced mobility programs can have on our state's economy, environment, and overall quality of life. We stand ready to work with your office and all relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation and execution of these vital initiatives. We are confident that by championing clean and advanced mobility in our state budget, Michigan will continue to be a beacon of innovation and prosperity in the evolving transportation landscape.

Sincerely,

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