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Subject: Support for FY26 Appropriations–Clean Cities and Communities Program

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm the Director of [Coalition Name]. Part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities network.

I'm calling to follow up on the **FY26 Energy and Water Appropriations requests** submitted by Transportation Energy Partners to your office, specifically requesting continued funding for the DOE Clean Cities and Communities Program.

This program has been active for over 30 years and is a critical federal-local partnership that helps communities reduce petroleum use, accelerate the adoption of alternative fuels and vehicles, and advance transportation decarbonization. It's one of the few federal efforts that directly supports local clean transportation initiatives with proven results.

We're asking that [Senator/Representative Name] support the inclusion of the following **report language** in the FY26 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill:

“The Committee directs the Department to continue to support the Clean Cities and Communities alternative fuels deployment program, which supports the nation’s Clean Cities Coalitions’ work to deliver lower air emissions and meet customer needs with vehicles powered by biofuels, electricity, hydrogen, natural gas, renewable natural gas, propane, and renewable propane. The nation’s Clean Cities Coalitions are uniquely suited to assist state and local governments, school districts, and public and private sector fleets with successful implementation of the sustainable transportation programs. Within available funds, the recommendation provides not less than \$65,000,000 for deployment through the Clean Cities and Communities program, including not less than \$20,000,000 in direct cooperative agreements with the Clean Cities Coalitions and not less than \$40,000,000 for competitive grants to support alternative fuel, infrastructure, new mobility, and vehicle deployment activities. When issuing competitive grants in support of these activities, the Department is encouraged to include at least one Clean Cities coalition partner. The Committee encourages the Department to ensure balance in the award of funds to achieve varied aims in fostering broader adoption of clean vehicles and installation of supporting infrastructure. The Committee further encourages the Department to prioritize projects that can contribute the greatest reductions in greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants. The Committee encourages the Department to explore ways in which the Clean Cities Program can leverage funding to provide greater support for clean fuels and vehicles in underserved communities so they can benefit from the emissions reductions and public health benefits.”

We also encourage the office to reach out to the appropriations committee to reinforce support for this language as markups approach. Finally, we've asked our coalition's stakeholders and board members to follow up with your office directly to express their support as well.

If you have any questions or need additional background, I'd be happy to connect you with our national partner, Steven Montoya at Transportation Energy Partners. Thank you again for your time and for your continued support.