

COALITION STAKEHOLDER DELEGATION MESSAGE

Dear [Senator/Representative Last Name],

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the **FY26 Energy and Water Appropriations Report language** submitted to your office that provides continued funding for the **Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities Program**.

As a [board member/stakeholder] of the [Coalition Name], I have seen firsthand how this over 30-year-old program continues to deliver meaningful, community-level impact by advancing the use of domestic alternative fuels, reducing petroleum consumption, and supporting transportation decarbonization. Clean Cities and Communities has a long and proven track record of public-private collaboration, driving innovation and energy security across the country.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and urge you to 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.”

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued support of programs that deliver real results for American communities.

Sincerely,

[Stakeholder/Board Member Name]

[Company/Organization]