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Transportation Energy Leaders Call on Congress to Expand Clean Fuels and Strengthen America's Energy Independence

"Every community can win economically and with air quality with clean transportation fuels." - Alley Harned, Transportation Energy Partners President & Virginia Clean Cities Executive Director

Washington, D.C. - At the **2025 Energy Independence Summit (EIS)**, **Transportation Energy Partners (TEP)**, in partnership with the **Clean Cities and Communities coalitions (CCC)**, is leading the charge for stronger investments in clean transportation. With three-quarters of the **20 million barrels of petroleum** consumed daily in the U.S. used for transportation, reducing dependence on imported oil is a national security imperative and keeping more energy dollars in the U.S. economy.

This year's summit highlights how Clean Cities and Communities coalitions, alongside industry leaders, are leveraging historic investments to accelerate the adoption of **electricity, natural gas, propane, biodiesel, ethanol, and hydrogen** - homegrown solutions that create jobs, lower fuel costs, and improve air quality.

"Building a more sustainable and robust energy economy requires investments in clean energy solutions, including transportation. Public-private partnerships are key to accelerating the deployment of clean fuels and vehicle technologies—lowering costs for businesses, creating jobs, and boosting domestic manufacturing. For over 30 years, the Clean Cities and Communities program has successfully brought together industry leaders, local governments, and community stakeholders to drive real progress—providing unbiased alternative fuel resources, improving local air quality, and directly deploying cost-effective transportation solutions." - Joy Gardner, Empire Clean Cities Executive Director

Advocating for Policy That Powers America's Future

At this year's summit, leaders from the Clean Cities and Communities coalitions across the country met with **over 160 Members of Congress**, urging them to support federal policies that expand American-made clean fuel deployment, strengthen domestic manufacturing, and lower transportation costs for American businesses. These conversations also emphasized the importance of energy diversity—including alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in boosting economic growth and energy security.

"Partnerships are essential to furthering alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, bringing economic growth and security to local communities. The Clean Cities and Communities program is an incredible resource providing support to SEEA and its members across the Southeast. SEEA remains committed to collaborating with the program and the Clean Cities and Communities coalitions in our region to advance energy-efficient transportation solutions." - Justin Brightharp, Senior Program Manager, Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance



TEP's 2025 Federal Policy Priorities

To ensure continued progress in clean transportation, TEP is calling on Congress to act on the following priorities:

✓ Secure Adequate Federal Funding for Clean Transportation Programs

- **\$65 million** for the DOE Clean Cities and Communities Program, including:
 - **\$30 million** for coalition efforts to advance alternative fuel deployment
 - **\$30 million** in competitive grants to expand clean vehicle technologies
- **\$100 million** for the **EPA Clean Diesel (DERA) Grants Program** to improve air quality while supporting small businesses, agriculture, and freight operations
- Continued funding for the **EPA Clean School Bus Program** to replace aging diesel buses with cost-effective, cleaner alternatives

✓ Extend & Strengthen Clean Fuel Tax Incentives

- Extend alternative fuel and infrastructure tax incentives for **at least 10 years** to ensure business certainty
- Maintain key tax credits, including:
 - Clean Vehicle Tax Credit
 - Previously Owned Clean Vehicles Tax Credit
 - Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicles Tax Credit
 - Clean Fuel Production Credit & Clean Hydrogen Production Credit
 - Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit
 - Alternative Fuel Refueling Tax Credit
 - Advanced Energy Project Credit

✓ Ensure Full Implementation of BIL & IRA Programs

- **Accelerate alternative fuel and electric vehicle infrastructure expansion**
- **Support domestic production of advanced vehicle technologies**
- **Invest in grid modernization to meet growing clean energy demand**

✓ Streamline Permitting to Accelerate Clean Fuel Infrastructure Deployment

- Expand the **Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC)** to include mid-sized clean energy projects
- Improve interagency coordination to prevent unnecessary permitting delays

Clean Transportation Creates American Jobs

The clean fuels sector is a **key driver of U.S. job creation**, with millions of Americans employed in industries that support **EVs, hydrogen, biodiesel, propane, and renewable natural gas**.

- ❖ **\$600 billion:** Auto industry investment in next-generation transportation technologies



- ❖ **2.5 million:** Plug-in electric vehicles on U.S. roads, with record **9.8% market share** in late 2023
- ❖ **250+ RNG facilities:** Supporting **38,000 jobs**, with 240 new projects poised to create **35,000 more**
- ❖ **65,000 jobs:** Supported by biodiesel and renewable diesel, contributing **\$17 billion to the U.S. economy**

“The future of mobility depends on strong partnerships between the public and private sectors to advance sustainable transportation solutions. EVNoire is honored to work alongside policymakers and industry leaders to champion investments in clean energy, electric vehicle infrastructure, and innovative policies that move us towards a more sustainable transportation ecosystem.” - Dr. Shelley Francis, Co-Founder, EVNoire

About Clean Cities & Communities

For over **30 years**, **Clean Cities and Communities coalitions** have led the deployment of **30 million alternative fuel vehicles**, supported by a **nationwide network of 173,000 alternative fueling stations**. These efforts have reduced U.S. petroleum consumption by over **14.5 billion gallons**, cutting emissions and strengthening American energy security.

To support these efforts, TEP urges Congress to fully fund clean transportation programs, extend critical tax incentives, and ensure the continued implementation of **BIL and IRA** initiatives.

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About Transportation Energy Partners (TEP)

Transportation Energy Partners (TEP) is a national, non-profit policy and education organization that convenes Clean Cities and Communities coalitions with clean transportation industry leaders to advocate for policies that **reduce U.S. dependence on petroleum-based fuels**.

Over **90% of the U.S. population - 299 million Americans** - live within the boundaries of a Clean Cities and Communities coalition. Since 1993, more than **75 Clean Cities and Communities coalitions** and their **20,000 stakeholders** have deployed alternative fuels, vehicles, and infrastructure across the country, driving America’s transition to a cleaner, more secure energy future.

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