June 29, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
H-222, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader McConnell:

As the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic came into clearer focus over the past few months, Congress acted in a bipartisan fashion to provide relief to many parts of the economy, especially small businesses. We applaud your leadership in directing federal resources to those who need it most during this unprecedented time in American history.

As Congress turns its attention to addressing our nation's infrastructure needs, we urge you to shape this legislation so that costs and benefits are shared fairly among all users of our nation's transportation infrastructure.

We are concerned about provisions included in H.R. 2, *The Moving Forward Act*, that singularly benefit electric vehicle (EV) owners, a small and affluent segment of the driving public, at additional cost to all other Americans. The bill essentially triples the existing EV federal tax credit, establishes a new credit for used EVs, creates specific EV infrastructure grants, and incentivizes states to allow utilities to force all ratepayers to fund the build-out of electric charging infrastructure that only a few will utilize. Additionally, EV owners do not pay into the highway trust fund and therefore do not contribute to the construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges that they use.

To be clear, EVs are a growing but still very small part of a much greater industry. About 2 percent of vehicles sold last year were EVs. Congress should maximize investment dollars in infrastructure that benefit all Americans, not a small subset of the automobile fleet.

H.R. 2 would also encourage states to authorize utilities to use their monopoly power to increase everyone's electricity bill to pay to install electric vehicle charging. This is detrimental to the vast majority of Americans who do not own electric vehicles and will not receive any benefit from higher prices on their monthly utility bills. Unfortunately, this policy will hit those on fixed incomes the hardest. It is also unnecessary. Private companies have invested in thousands of charging points across the country. These private investments allow all fuel providers to compete for customers on equal footing and they create transparency to the consumer.

When Congress adopted the EV tax credit, it was designed to jump-start a new segment of the auto industry. Since then, two companies have reached the phase-out threshold of 200,000 vehicles sold, including the largest EV manufacturer in America, which has a stock market capitalization that's more than three times as large as the next two biggest American car companies combined. Companies are investing billions of dollars in EVs and infrastructure, so government tax credits and spending do not need to be expanded.

As you know, the American people are suffering. Our members, and their millions of employees, are amongst those struggling. Over 19 million jobs have been lost since the pandemic began especially impacting lower income families. During these difficult times, we urge Congress to direct critical infrastructure resources for the benefit of all Americans.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau Federation

American Petroleum Institute

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers

Agricultural Retailers Association

National Tank Truck Carriers

Petroleum Marketers Association of America

CC: All members of the U.S. House and Senate