March 13, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Ways and Means Committee
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Ranking Member
Ways and Means Committee
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Subject: Section 30D Electric Vehicle Credit

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Chairmen Hatch and Brady and Ranking Members Wyden and Neal:

As you work to formulate the Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus spending legislation, we write to you in support of the Section 30D electric vehicle (EV) tax credit and urge you to modify the credit by eliminating the existing manufacturer cap. The EV credit is essential to foster the rapid adoption and deployment of electric vehicles, which in turn will boost our economic and national security and continue to create the next generation of well-paying American jobs.

First-mover companies—all American manufacturers—are all likely to hit the existing 200,000 vehicle-per-manufacturer cap this year, just as a new generation of affordable, state-of-the-art EVs hits the market. These automakers created thousands of American EV jobs by making early investments in EV research and development, manufacturing capacity, and charging infrastructure. Maintaining the
current cap will effectively raise the cost to consumers for certain vehicles, skewing car choices and sales just at the time when electric vehicle sales are beginning to climb and choices are expanding.

As electricity providers, our utilities are working to support the interest shown by our customers and local governments in electric vehicles and the charging infrastructure to support their deployment. We are educating consumers and supporting infrastructure development so these technologies achieve economies of scale. We look forward to a time when EVs may help support grid services, the integration of renewable resources or demand response, thereby enhancing the efficiency of the electric grid.

Eliminating the manufacturers’ cap will provide certainty to both automakers and consumers. It will also allow the utility industry to enable an electrified transportation future that creates and sustains more American jobs, reduces our reliance on foreign oil, makes our air cleaner, and our communities more sustainable. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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American Electric Power  
(Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia)

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(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New York)

CMS Energy  
(Michigan)

Consolidated Edison  
(New York)

Dayton Power & Light  
(Ohio)

DTE Energy  
(Michigan)

Duke Energy Company  
(Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, and South Carolina)

Duquesne Light Company  
(Pennsylvania)

Edison Electric Institute  
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Edison International  
(California)

Eversource Energy  
(Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire)

Florida Power & Light  
(Florida)

Green Mountain Power  
(Vermont)
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