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November 21, 2017

Honorable Orrin Hatch,
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U.S. Senate
219 Dirksen Office Building
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Honorable Ron Wyden,
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
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Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

I write to you on behalf of the members of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, California, residents and business owners to urge you and the members of the U.S. Senate to restore the Federal Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit in the President's tax reform legislation.

Plug-in Electric vehicles (PEV) afford Americans greater energy independence by reducing demand for imported fossil fuels. Petroleum is the sole-source fuel for ninety-three percent of the U.S. transportation sector; this dependence on foreign oil creates both an economic and national security risk. The electrification of the American transportation sector through widespread adoption of electric vehicles will transition the U.S. to more cost-effective, domestic energy production.

The Federal Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit has proven to be a tremendously effective policy tool for increased adoption of electric vehicles. The increased consumer demand for electric vehicles that arose through this tax credit has resulted in the creation of 200,000 new jobs in the U.S. automobile industry, driven technological innovation, reduced oil dependency, saved consumers money, and generated economic benefits.

The lifetime cost of ownership of an electric vehicle is significantly lower than that of a traditional internal combustion engine vehicle. According to www.fueleconomy.gov, an online resource provided by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Transportation & Air Quality, an owner of a Nissan LEAF electric vehicle saves approximately \$4,000 in fuel costs over five years while spending approximately \$600 per year for vehicle charging costs. Owning an electric vehicle provides working American families with financial savings that they can put towards other needs.





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Cities will continue to be leaders in increasing investment in, and demand for, electric cars and trucks. West Hollywood actively supports local PEV readiness by investing in publicly accessible PEV charging infrastructure, streamlining the process for private charging station installation in new construction and existing buildings, and passing an ordinance allowing tenants to install a charging station in rent-stabilized buildings in line with AB 2565. I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in supporting a robust clean energy economy and restore the Federal Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit.

Sincerely,

John Heilman, Mayor

CC: Honorable Dianne Feinstein, D-California
Honorable Kamala Harris, D-California
Honorable Adam Schiff, D-28, California

