



OFFICE OF MAYOR SAM ADAMS  
CITY OF PORTLAND

June 21, 2010

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senator  
223 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden: **RON**

On behalf of the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission, and over 40 firms engaged in the development and deployment of electric vehicles in the region, I urge your support for S. 3442 The Electric Vehicle Deployment Act, which is co-sponsored by your colleague Senator Jeff Merkley.

This bill advances the wide-scale deployment of electric vehicles and the development of the infrastructure needed to support them. It sponsors a Department of Energy competition awarding \$800 million to five communities that demonstrate an ability and willingness to promote the use of plug-in electric cars. It also extends tax credits of up to \$7,500 for the purchase of electric vehicles and offers incentives to automakers and other businesses for research and development of new technology to expand the use of electric vehicles.

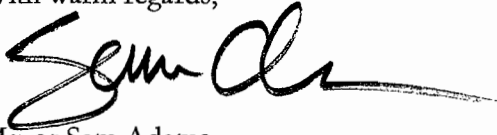
Portland, in conjunction with the State of Oregon, local utilities and universities has taken a leadership role in promoting and encouraging adoption electric vehicles as a cleaner, cheaper alternative to oil and a means to realize the City's Climate Action Plan goals, which aim to reduce total carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. Additionally, Portland and the region have made a concerted effort to diversify our economic base in the field of electric vehicles and green technologies. This industry cluster gives us a competitive advantage and we have made significant strides which go beyond many other communities around the country. Some of our initial progress includes:

- Working closely to support the emerging local electric vehicle industry and assisted convening OREV- (Oregon Roundtable for the Electric Vehicle Industry). The group consists of vehicle and component manufacturers and associated organizations.
- Working with Ecotality North America on the deployment of over 1,000 publicly accessible charging stations in the Willamette Valley.
- Developing a program to cover the "last mile" cost for charging stations after state and federal tax credits for installations at businesses.
- Coordinating closely with educational and utility partners on deployment
- Developing policy around electric vehicles through an inter-bureau EV cabinet

Because of the work being done in the Portland Metro area, we are in an excellent position to capitalize on the programs included in the Electric Vehicle Deployment Act. The direct and indirect jobs generated from the investments in this bill will significantly help the ailing Oregon economy.

Thank you again for your leadership on green technologies. I encourage you to cosponsor this important piece of legislation and to vote 'yes' if it comes to the Senate floor.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Adams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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