Dear Conferee,

We the undersigned mayors urge the U.S. Senate to preserve the Federal Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit, known as 30D, as the House and Senate conference their respective tax reform measures.

Electric vehicles 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 vehicle 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. As you are no doubt aware, H.R.1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act as approved by the House would eliminate this critical program.

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.

Cities will continue to be leaders in increasing investment in, and demand for, electric cars and trucks. You have each been champions of this vital program supporting a robust clean energy economy, and we urge you to preserve the Federal Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Tax Credit in your conference negotiations.

Sincerely,

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