

Electric Vehicle Charging/Fuel Marketer Trade Associations: June 8th Letter to U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure



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Three fuel marketer trade associations sent a June 8th letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (“Committee”) addressing their views on competitive markets for electric vehicle (“EV”) charging.

The three fuel marketers trade associations included:

- National Association of Convenience Stores
- National Association of Truckstop Operators
- Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America

(collectively “NACS”)

The June 8th letter was addressed to:

- The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The NACS letter requested that the Committee:

... ensure that public policy lays the foundation for a competitive market for electric vehicle charging.

A focus of the letter was the INVEST in America Act (“Act”).

NACS noted its support of many aspects of the Act but expressed concern that without improvements it could:

... stunt the growth of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, which is an important part of the future development of the transportation sector.

Aspects of the Act that the NACS considers favorable include:

- Considerations guiding implementation of the clean corridors grant program
- Takes into account the need for public-private partnerships to advance the goal of increased charging infrastructure
- Takes into account the proximity of retail fueling stations to proposed projects
- Grant decisions can help ensure that federal dollars leverage private investment/rather than depressing those investments

NACS, however, expresses concern about the need for the Act to assist in ensuring that it does not discourage private development of EV charging infrastructure.

The trade associations:

- Request any legislation funding EV charging infrastructure protect against “double-dipping” of government funds by electric utilities
- Request that the Act include language requiring the disclosure of the funding model and prioritizing federal funds to go to projects putting capital at risk
- Express concerns regarding language that would allow development of EV charging infrastructure at interstate rest areas

A copy of the letter can be downloaded [here](#).