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Truck and Engine Manufacturers Support Senators' Call for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging Infrastructure Development

Senate letter to Joint Office of Energy and Transportation says charging infrastructure capable of powering commercial vehicles is critical to reducing air pollution, advancing public health goals

CHICAGO, IL – The Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) today issued a statement in support of Senate leaders' request that Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm prioritize infrastructure development for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in order to achieve a successful transition to zero-emissions and support climate goals.

In the letter, signed by fifteen senators, policymakers write:

The Joint Office's purpose is to provide critical technical assistance and strategic guidance to communities and stakeholders as they facilitate the deployment of zero- and low-emission vehicles, as well as the expansion of the necessary infrastructure... We cannot, however, afford to focus exclusively on light-duty vehicles... In July, the California Air Resources Board and the Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) reached a historic agreement to achieve 100 percent zero-emission heavy-duty vehicle sales by 2036 in California. As part of the agreement, EMA committed to redoubling their efforts to sell clean trucks and support zero-emission vehicle infrastructure in California and in other states that adopt California's rules. The Joint Office must build on this historic achievement and accelerate the nationwide deployment of the infrastructure that is critical to achieving a zero-emission commercial vehicle future.

The letter lays out a series of ways the Joint Office should support improved coordination between the federal government and relevant stakeholders to accelerate heavy-duty vehicle infrastructure build-out, including establishing a national vision and coordinating federal investments. [Read the full letter.](#)

EMA President Jed R. Mandel said, "Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association members are continuing to produce and deploy medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) that meet the needs of consumers and businesses while also helping to achieve clean air and public health goals. Our industry has invested billions of dollars to bring the cleanest and most innovative engine technologies to market, but the widespread adoption of commercial ZEVs hinges on building the nationwide battery-charging and hydrogen-fueling infrastructures capable of powering those vehicles. We join the Senators in urging the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to accelerate the development of the heavy-duty infrastructures that are essential to achieving the Biden Administration's clean air and public health goals."

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The Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) represents the world's leading manufacturers of medium- and heavy-duty commercial vehicles, internal combustion engines, and zero-emission powertrains. EMA works with governments and other stakeholders to help the nation achieve its goals of cleaner air and lower greenhouse gas emissions, and to ensure that regulatory standards are technology feasible, cost effective, and successful. By continually improving commercial vehicle and powertrain technologies, EMA's members are in the forefront of providing clean and efficient products that meet their customers' business needs and protect the environment.