



June 9, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Members Graves:

As the trade association representing stakeholders across the transportation sector, including state, city, and county departments of transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, automotive manufacturers and suppliers, technology companies, engineering firms, and research universities, the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America) writes to express our **strong support for Section 1211 of the INVEST in America Act that allows for the charging of electric vehicles on rights-of-way of the Interstate System, including in a rest area; or a fringe or corridor parking facility, including a park and ride facility.**

Electric vehicles (EV) are increasingly defining how people, goods, and services move in cities and rural communities across the nation, and the United States is poised to be a leader in a global transition to electric vehicles. Nevertheless, the U.S. government's analysis suggests that additional EV infrastructure investments will be required to achieve a cleaner transportation future by helping to both power the vehicles and address "range anxiety." This provision will help address just that by allowing for the charging of EVs on rights-of-way of the Interstate System in a rest area or a fringe or corridor parking facility, including a park and ride facility.

Founded as an official advisory board on road technology to the U.S. Department of Transportation, ITS America's vision is "A better future transformed by intelligent mobility – one that is safer, greener, and smarter." As leaders in transportation and technology, we know firsthand how the electrification of vehicles of every type is transforming both our mobility as well as transportation's impact on the environment. As a result, ITS America supports increased federal investments in the electrification of vehicle infrastructure and vehicles. We are proud to lend our support to this provision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Bhatt", written over a white background.

Shailen Bhatt
President and CEO
ITS America

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