



SUPPORT AMENDMENT 2456

August 5, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Carper, and Ranking Member Capito:

As the trade association representing the intelligent 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 Senate Amendment 2456 to H.R. 3684 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) to provide for electric vehicle charging at park-and-rides and rest areas.**

We believe this amendment represents a reasonable compromise that allows for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure where it is needed while protecting existing commercial interests within five travel miles of the Interstate. This authority would be a critical step in closing the gap of available electric vehicle charging infrastructure, especially in rural states across the country.

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 our mobility as well as lessening transportation's impact on the environment. We strongly support this amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SB", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Shailen Bhatt
President and CEO
ITS America

Cc: United States Senate

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