

To Whom It May Concern,

Since October 2020 to the present time, our *MileageSmart* program assisted 1,278 low to moderate income families in purchasing high mile per gallon vehicles from local auto dealers including 447 Electric Vehicles, 272 Plug-In Hybrids, and 559 Hybrids.

This program surpassed all expectations and projections and is widely lauded by those seeking to forge solutions to climate change in Vermont as one of the most successful, scalable, pilots Vermont has ever conducted in the climate resilience arena.

As you likely know, funding has currently lapsed for this program and we have put it on hiatus. We stand ready to renew and expand the program at the moment the legislature allocates sustainable funding to see the promise of this effort carried forward.

By way of this letter, I implore you to allocate the funds needed to continue this impactful program at the nexus of economic empowerment, rural transportation, and climate resilience. Please do not hesitate to follow up with any questions you might have about this program.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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