



March 9, 2026

Dear Chairman Walker and members of the Vermont House Transportation Committee,

I am writing in advance of my testimony scheduled for March 10, 2026, to provide an overview of VEIC's proposed FY2027 Drive Electric Vermont (DEV) program activities and to request up to \$325,000 in funding to continue this work.

The transportation electrification landscape has shifted rapidly over the past year. Federal EV incentives, state emissions standards, and electric utility programs continue to evolve, creating both opportunities and challenges for Vermonters navigating the shift to cleaner transportation. Continued support for DEV and charging infrastructure investments will help the state maintain progress toward transportation electrification goals.

If funded, VEIC will work with VTrans to finalize a FY2027 scope of work and will document progress through monthly reporting. Tasks may include:

- **Convening Vermont's EV stakeholder community** through Drive Electric Vermont meetings and technical assistance to State agencies, utilities, municipalities, and business partners.
- **Maintaining and improving the DEV website**, which had over 76,000 visitors last year. This resource helps Vermonters compare EV models and understand incentives, charging guidance, and other essential information.
- **Providing direct support to consumers** via phone, email, and online chat to individuals with questions about EVs, incentives, charging, and vehicle selection.
- **Assisting businesses and municipalities** as they evaluate EV fleet transitions, plan for EV charging infrastructure, and develop local energy plans.
- **Continuing outreach** to ensure households across all income levels have access to reliable, accessible information on clean transportation options.
- **Advising on public, workplace, and multifamily EV charging investments** with technical assistance, planning resources, and ongoing engagement with State agencies planning and implementing charging infrastructure programs.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to further discussing during my testimony, or in follow-up as needed.

Sincerely,

David Roberts

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