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Daniel Goldner, Chair
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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July 20, 2022

Dear Chairman Goldner,

I'm writing in support of [21-078_2022-07-07_EVERSOURCE_SETTLEMENT-AGREEMENT.PDF \(nh.gov\)](#).

I'm an older resident, not quite retired but planning ahead for it and trying to keep costs down. Many of my peers are in the same boat, and our kids are also feeling the crunch as they have young families and need to do a lot of driving around. I know so many people who want to buy EVs because they are cheaper to maintain and run, but are worried about whether they'll be able to charge them. If you've got a growing family you need to know if you drive across the state for a soccer game or up north for a scouting trip you can charge up.

For us older folks, same thing, we'd like to take advantage of consumer choices that make sense for us but we need the infrastructure. I feel like if the state opposes this it's limiting shoppers' choices — which isn't a great look for the Live Free or Die state. Also might hurt car dealers, as more and more electric vehicles are starting to be made.

Living in Concord, I see the out of state traffic on the weekends and I'd sure hate for us to lose out on those tourism dollars as more people buy EVs in neighboring states just because people feel like they can't charge up while they're here hiking, skiing, going to the lakes and mountains, etc.

Finally, I work in healthcare and I know that one benefit I've heard about increased use of EVs is that fewer gas powered vehicles, which leave our air full of particulate matter, will reduce the amount of lung disease like COPD, asthma, and lung cancer. We certainly need to reduce healthcare costs, and if we can save money by preventing illness, that makes good sense to me. I hope you'll agree.

For all these reasons, I hope you and the commission will support expanding electric charging stations. We need to let people choose, to help people save money, reduce costs, and encourage tourism. I feel like these are the kinds of things that NH stands for.

Sincerely,

Deb Baker
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