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Support for Workforce Training and EV Charging Infrastructure

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Re: Docket No. 20-ALT-01

Submitted via electronic commenting system for docket 20-ALT-01

Re: Comments on Zero-Emission Vehicle Workforce Training and Development Workshop

The Electric Transportation Community Development Corporation (ETcommunity) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Zero-Emission Vehicle Workforce Training and Development funding workshop. ETcommunity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes an equitable transition to electric mobility options through outreach and education, collaboration building, and action in communities. ETcommunity is focused on providing equitable access to EV charging to community residents, including Level 2 and affordable DCFC options, and zero-emission mobility options, including accessible electric vans, e-scooters, e-bikes, and shared electric cars.

ETcommunity supports the Clean Transportation Program funding of Workforce Training and Development. This funding is critical for communities that have historically faced economic challenges, where many residents in priority communities struggle with unemployment or underemployment. The State and many advocates have long touted electrification of the transportation system as providing job opportunities and economic uplift in priority communities. The jobs benefits have largely not materialized, and many large corporations that have been provided public funding for charging installations indicate they are unable to hire qualified employees from the communities they are funded to invest in.

ETcommunity supports focused workforce training and development funding in priority communities. We support IBEW and EVITP training programs. There are other family-supporting job opportunities in the EV and electrification space that do not require trained electricians but do require training and development via organized labor groups, small businesses, community colleges, and organizations like the Los Angeles Incubator and California Mobility Center. All these organizations have existing programs designed to uplift economically challenged communities and can support the workforce training needed if sufficiently funded.

Workforce Training and Development programs intended for Californians that are economically challenged require funding to cover personal costs of trainees. Funding intended for workforce training and development must include stipends directly to participants from economically challenged communities. Covering expenses for mobility options to and from training, childcare options, and lost wages are essential to uplift struggling Californians. Equitable access to family-supporting careers often demands investment by trainees. In many of the communities where we work, families struggle to provide healthy food and adequate healthcare for their families. They cannot afford to trade off household funds intended for food or utilities to cover costs associated with training.

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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me eileen@etcommunity.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eileen W. Tutt".

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