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The Hon. Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for a suite of important North Carolina projects submitted for consideration to receive a 2024 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These project requests are:

1. **Creating a Legacy of Equity + Access to a Network of EV Resources in NC ("CLEANER NC")**, which will install 12 DC Fast Chargers and two Level 2 community chargers at a group of partnering historically black colleges and universities ("HBCUs"): NC A&T, North Carolina Central University, and Elizabeth City State University.
2. **Electrify WNC**, which will install nine DC Fast Chargers along US Highway 23, US Highway 64, and US Highway 74 connecting Alternative Fuel Corridors in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and fund approximately 100 Level 2 community chargers in the area's rural and disadvantaged communities, supporting tourism and business development in those areas.
3. **Highway 70 CFI Corridor Project**, which will install two DC Fast Chargers along US Highway 70 evacuation routes and an additional 18 Level 2 community chargers in rural, disadvantaged areas in eastern NC.
4. **Plug-in the Piedmont**, which will fund approximately 90 Level 2 community and DC Fast Chargers in strategic urban and rural locations across North Carolina's Piedmont-Triad region, including community centers, parks, fairgrounds, convention centers, and stadiums.
5. **Corridors of Opportunity – Lead the Charge**, which will install a total of 104 publicly accessible Level 2 community and DC Fast Charger ports in the city of Charlotte in partnership with affordable housing developers and the YMCA of Greater Charlotte among others.
6. **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Project**, which will address a major regional gap in charging infrastructure in the mountains of northwestern North Carolina. The project will install a total of 22 Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers at

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Appalachian State University and in the town of Boone, NC, supporting local businesses and tourism.

North Carolina's transition to electric vehicles is accelerating, and these investments are vital to making cleaner and more affordable transportation options available and practical for all North Carolinians. We are very grateful for the partnership we have with USDOT and the Biden-Harris Administration. We appreciate the opportunity to submit these requests and trust you will give them due consideration.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "C".

Roy Cooper

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