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Dear PUC Commissioners,

I support Docket 21-078 and ask you to do so.

I was a low- moderate income, retired person when I bought my Chevy Bolt EV almost 4 years ago. It has been one of the best cars I've owned and by far the lowest cost to own.

There are a number of reasons to support this very modest proposal.

First there's the freedom for consumers to choose how to power their vehicles, especially when this new technology is three times more efficient.

Next the access to low cost transportation, since EVs are much less expensive to own than internal combustion engine vehicles even if they cost more initially. I have saved hundreds of \$ on fuel and maintenance on my Chevy Bolt. The Bolt and Nissan Leaf are both under \$30K new well below the national median ave of \$40K for new cars. I know two retired folks of low & moderate income from nearby small towns that each own a used Nissan Leaf as their only vehicle, purchased for well under \$20K. They are very happy to own vehicles that are so much more economical to own.

EV sales are accelerating fast and NH citizens are being left out. I do most of my charging at home but when I need a significant charge quicker, I have to go to VT to get a fast charge because NH is a fast charging desert. An EV charging network allows commuters, tourists and residents who have back to back long trips to take advantage of local chargers.

I know a lot of EV owners and not one would go back to an internal combustion engine car. The absence of EV chargers is a NH disadvantage, discouraging citizens from choosing to own a better technology or tourists w/ EVs. As EV sales continue to increase NH's EV charging desert will keep EV owners away and it certainly won't attract younger workers who are tech savvy enough to see that EVs not only cost less to own but are safer and more fun to drive..

Thank you for your consideration.

With wishes for sunshine, success and good health,

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