

March 2, 2022

The Honorable Polly Trottenberg
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable David M. Turk
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Car Rental Industry Participation in Electric Vehicle Working Group Under Section 25006 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Deputy Secretaries Trottenberg and Turk:

The Board of Directors and members of the American Car Rental Association respectfully ask for consideration as a member of the Electric Vehicle Working Group established under Section 25006 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA). Thank you for considering the request.

The American Car Rental Association

The American Car Rental Association is the national representative for over 98% of our nation's car rental industry. ACRA's membership is comprised of over 300 car rental companies, including all of the brands you would recognize such as Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Fox, Hertz, National, Sixt and Thrifty. ACRA members also include many system licensees and franchisees, mid-size, regional and independent car rental companies as well as smaller, "mom & pop" operators. ACRA members have almost 2 million registered vehicles in service in the United States, with fleets ranging in size from one million cars to ten cars.

The Role of the Car Rental Industry in Achieving Sustainable Mobility

As noted in the attached ACRA Statement on Sustainable Mobility, the car rental industry will be a vital part of the integration of electric vehicles into the nation's passenger vehicle fleet. ACRA members on average purchase one in every eight new light duty vehicles sold in the United States each year. 25% of all light duty vehicle miles travelled in the United States each year are in a rented vehicle. Thus, the car rental industry is a key participant in the drive for sustainable mobility. In many instances, a driver's first experience in a zero emissions vehicle will be in the rental car context.

Combining all these factors, the car rental industry likely is the most important shared mobility stakeholder for converting “motor vehicle trips” by an individual to “zero emission vehicle trips” – even more important than individually-owned vehicles.

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If you or your staff have questions or need further information on ACRA and the American car rental industry, please do not hesitate to contact me or Greg Scott, ACRA's Government Relations Representative (gscott@merevir.com or 202-297-5123).

In advance, thank you for your attention to the information in this letter and to ACRA's request.

Sincerely yours,



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