

Deploying Revolutionary and Innovative Vehicle Energy-supply (DRIVE) Across America Act

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Background:

Transportation [accounts](#) for nearly 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions and is the largest single contributor to the climate change crisis in the United States. Offering drivers more zero and low-emissions options will decrease our reliance on foreign oil markets, create jobs, combat pollution and climate change, and help us compete with our global rivals, like China, which has invested [\\$420 billion](#) in the deploying electric vehicles.

Providing reliable zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure for tourism and travel is an important step for continuing our nation's transition towards cleaner transportation.

- [48 million](#) cars a year are rented and overall around [three-quarters](#) of Americans intend to take at least one road trip, most driving somewhere within 100 miles of their home.
- [8 in 10 adults](#) surveyed that they would rent an electric vehicle to try out the technology before fully committing to buying it;

Being able to take your ZEV, or rent one, for your travels should come with the assurance you can refuel it at, and on the way, to your destination. This is especially important when some of the United States' most visited sites are our nation's pristine forests and parks, who see millions of visitors every year. To keep our green spaces clean, the National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) sites should have the resources to expand their adoption of cleaner transportation technologies.

Overview and Section by Section:

DRIVE Across America Act would facilitate the expansion of ZEV use and ZEV fueling infrastructure at NPS and USFS through the Cleaner TRAILS Initiative, as well as USDOT support of ZEVs at travel and tourism hubs, like airports.

- **Section 3. Establishment of the Cleaner TRAILS Initiative** – creates a 5-year initiative, funded at \$100 million annually, for each of the NPS and USFS to facilitate and use of zero-emission vehicles and ZEV fueling infrastructure on covered land.
- **Section 4. Agreements for Shuttle of Other Transportation Services on National Forest System Land and National Park System Land** – prioritizes the contracting of shuttle services that use ZEV technology.
- **Section 5. Report** – requires a report from both NPS and USFS on progress to increase the adoption and facilitation of ZEV technology on site.
- **Section 6. Cleaner Transportation For Travelers** – instructs the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to have states plan for ZEVs and charging in the travel and tourism sectors, especially at/around airports; sets-aside 10% of reauthorized USDOT CFI grants for increased charging locations that support travel and tourism sectors and airports; and adds similar focus to the reauthorized USDOT EV Commission.
- **Section 7. Extending Clean Transportation Access to HOV Facilities** – permanently extends the ability to allow free ZEV use of HOV lanes.