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Respected Sir,

Greetings from Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI).

We hope you and your family is keeping safe and healthy during these challenging times. We are sincerely thankful Sir for Government of Gujarat's pre-emptive efforts in keeping us all safe during this pandemic. We are grateful for the support and actions taken by the Government during these trying times.

This pandemic has once again brought to fore front the importance of the action on climate change, which is a looming challenge of our times and for our next generation. Government of Gujarat has however, shown leadership in this sphere by taking several actions towards sustainable development including sustainable mobility.

In this context, I'm writing to you today to share with you a support letter requesting the Government of Gujarat to accelerate the release of Gujarat State Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy.

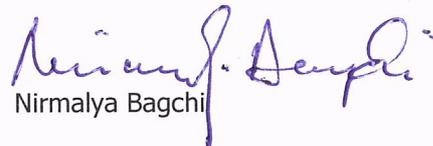
The letter is signed by a diverse coalition of business leaders, science and public health supporters, academic institutions and community organisations that support and share the Government's vision and commitment for improving air quality and addressing climate change, while creating a more equitable and inclusive Gujarat.

On behalf of the coalition, I'm enclosing the support letter with this email.

The coalition believes that under your great leadership, the required steps to release the EV policy will be undertaken in a time-bound manner to jumpstart the deployment of zero-emission vehicles in the state of Gujarat.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do let us know if you have any questions, we will be happy to answer. We at ASCI share the vision and are available to support the Government initiatives, as desired.

Warm regards,


Nirmalya Bagchi

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July 24, 2020

Shri Vijaybhai R. Rupani
The Honourable Chief Minister
Government of Gujarat

Dear Respected Sir,

Subject: Support for the release of Gujarat Electric Vehicle Policy

We write to thank you and your administration for initiating the drafting of Gujarat's Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy and taking this essential step towards clean and healthy air, expanded consumer options, and a clean energy. Recently, because of COVID-19, we have seen striking improvement in the environment with vehicular pollution down to a minimum level. To sustain this change, transitioning to EVs in a timebound manner is imperative.

We are strong supporters of the state EV policy and represent a diverse coalition of business leaders, science and public health supporters, academic institutions and community organizations. We share a commitment to improving air quality and addressing climate change, while creating a more equitable and inclusive Gujarat.

The release of the Gujarat EV policy under your great leadership is critical to jumpstarting the deployment of the zero-emission vehicles that will be important to bring this sustainable change in the state of Gujarat. We are excited to discuss the many benefits of this policy from both a demand (offering scale for EV deployment) and supply (manufacturing investments) perspective and provide any support towards the drafting of the policy and its implementation.

The transition to electric vehicles offers opportunities across both mobility as well as manufacturing. With regards to mobility, it will enable a more efficient, affordable, and clean transport ecosystem for the local population and serve as a key differentiator for both domestic and international visitors to the state. With Gujarat already being a base for the auto industry, EV manufacturing will open new opportunities across a range of products and services such as electric vehicle components, batteries, EV chargers and charging infrastructure. Further, it will lead to skill development and generation of millions of jobs for the local population across industries. Clean mobility solutions like electric vehicles will also improve the energy demand in the state which will strengthen the electricity utility business and improve the demand supply balance for a renewable energy rich state like Gujarat.

It is an apt time for the Gujarat government to opt for this future oriented technology by releasing the 'Electric Vehicle Policy of Gujarat'. This will not only attract investments in the state to secure the supply chain through domestic manufacturing, but will also reduce the dependence on vehicle and component imports and develop the ecosystem for in-house manufacturing, aligning with the "Make in India" campaign.



The renewed focus on innovation, design, development and competitive local manufacturing can support in meeting not only the domestic demand but also in making use of the domestic size and scale for Gujarat to become a global leader. The release of EV policy will also provide 60 million people living in the state access to cleaner air.

We look forward to working with the state administration in the upcoming release of the electric vehicle policy to ensure that the people of Gujarat have access to affordable, clean transportation, cleaner air and stable climate for generations to come.

Respectfully,

- Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Dr. Nirmalya Bagchi, Director General
- All India Disaster Mitigation Institute, Mihir Bhatt, Founder and Director
- Climate Trends, Aarti Khosla, Director
- Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, CEO
- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director
- Lithium Urban Technologies, Mr. Vikash Mishra, Business Head (North and East India)
- Mahindra Electric Mobility Ltd., Mr. Mahesh Babu, Managing Director and CEO
- Matter Motor Works Private Limited, Mr. Mohal Lalbhai, Founder and CEO
- MCS Cargar Private Ltd., Mr. Kayavan Shah, Co-Founder & Director
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Ms. Anjali Jaiswal, Senior Attorney and Senior Director
- Sun Mobility Private Limited, Mr. Chetan Maini, Co-Founder and Vice Chairman
- Tata Motors Ltd., Mr. Sushant Naik, Global Head-Govt & Public Affairs