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To who it may concern,

My name is John Power, I live in the town of Hope. I'm sixty six and have been contemplating exchanging my 2009, four cylinder, manual Toyota Tacoma for a vehicle that is electric. I'm extremely concerned about climate change and our collective carbon footprint. Over the past two years I have purchased two pedal assist e-bikes that I try to use for work, errands and exercise when the weather is optimal. I would love to get into an electric vehicle and have looked at used models online as new vehicles are outside my budget. Even then the prices and models available are beyond affordable. Drawing solely on social security there is nothing available. I was hoping that one of the manufacturers, like Toyota or Volkswagen would come out with something small like a Tacoma or a Golf. It seems only large vehicles are available to meet my needs. I could easily have a charger installed to meet my charging requirements for my daily trips are usually under thirty miles. There is such a need to move us off our addiction to fossil fuels and the expenses that fossil fuel vehicles bring. Maybe a direct swap with incentives could help move us in a different direction. I've tried a VW ID4 and ridden several times in a friend's Tesla and I'm persuaded that an electric vehicle would fit into my lifestyle, no question about it. The more you can do to make it happen the better.

Sincerely,

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