

**STATE OF MAINE
GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE**

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**DEPLOYMENT OF QUÉBEC-MAINE ELECTRIC VEHICLE
CHARGING CORRIDOR**

Response of Conservation Law Foundation

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Section I. Organization

Respondent Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) is a membership advocacy organization working to create comprehensive long-term solutions to environmental challenges in New England. CLF's Maine office is located in Portland, 53 Exchange St., Suite 200.

One of CLF's primary objectives is striving for a healthy climate and climate change-resilient communities across New England. A component of this work focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from within the transportation sector. CLF encourages development of EV infrastructure throughout New England.

Section II. Information Sought.

#10. Please provide any additional information that may guide optimal design, purchase, installation, operation, maintenance, and ultimate use of the facilities.

As the Governor's Energy Office and the Québec-Maine EV Task Force work toward development of an EV charging corridor between the province of Québec and Southern Maine, CLF encourages them to bear in mind other regional EV infrastructure efforts, including those in which the state of Maine is already a participant. Ensuring that the route established in Maine connects with other charging corridors will maximize the efficacy of the Québec-Maine EV corridor by allowing further EV travel, thus encouraging even more widespread utilization of the corridor and of EVs generally.

The Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires the federal Department of Transportation to designate national electric vehicle charging, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling corridors to improve the mobility of vehicles employing these alternate technologies across the United States. Pub. L. 114-94, § 1413(a). 129 Stat. 1312. Dec. 4, 2015. Pursuant to Federal Register Notice Vol. 81, No. 141, pp 47850-2/Docket No. FHWA-2016-0017, the Federal Highway Administration solicited comments and nominations for such designations, due August 22, 2016.

In response to the Federal Highway Administration solicitation, the Vermont Agency of Transportation submitted a nomination to designate a regional, multi-state electric vehicle corridor on behalf of several Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) jurisdictions, including Maine. The TCI is a collaboration of northeast and Mid - Atlantic States that works on development of a clean energy economy, and to reduce oil dependence and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. The proposal of the Vermont Agency of Transportation would designate corridors connecting the jurisdictions included in the multi-state submission, and would entail coordination with the additional TCI states submitting individual nominations. The designation would include roads within and connecting to Maine, including Interstate 95, Interstate 295, and Route 201.

CLF applauds Maine's efforts in participating in the Transportation and Climate Initiative, and signed on to express our support for the multistate alternative fuel corridor nomination submitted by the Vermont Agency of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration. CLF urges

the Governor's Energy Office and the Québec-Maine EV Task Force to maintain this regional perspective as they move forward with development of the route for the Québec-Maine electric vehicle charging corridor.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.