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The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Maine Department of Transportation's application to fund the Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project under the FY 2024-2025 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's ("MaineDOT") application under the FY 2024-2025 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. The application outlines MaineDOT's important plans—with support from project partner Efficiency Maine Trust ("Efficiency Maine")—to expand access to electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure along Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) in Maine.

Commuter traffic is the primary contributor to the town's GHG emissions inventory. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, which is located in Kittery, and sees 7,000+ daily workers, visitors and contractors commute to the naval base. Kittery is also a tourism destination. Providing greater access to charging infrastructure will support higher adoption of EVs and help to reduce the exhaust emissions generated in Kittery and the region.

Through the Delivering the Charge: A Recharge Maine Corridor Project ("Project"), MaineDOT and Efficiency Maine will install 80 DC Fast Charger ports for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty EVs across 20 strategic locations on Maine's most heavily travelled corridors. The new chargers will supplement the existing and growing network of public and private chargers and help complete the State's AFC buildout.

In alignment with the Maine Plan for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment, the Project will:

- Reduce EV range anxiety for residents and Maine's many visitors along Federally designated AFCs;

- Strengthen Maine's economy by reducing drivers' fuel costs and ensuring charging ease for visitors;
- Advance Maine's progress toward reducing harmful emissions from vehicles; and
- Help Maine meet its overarching goals to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45 percent by 2030, 80 percent by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

I respectfully request the Federal Highway Administration review the Delivering the Charge Project application favorably and fund this vital effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kendra', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kendra Amaral
Town Manager