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Honorable Mike DeWine Ohio Governor 77 S. High St, FL 30 Columbus, OH 43215

October 4, 2021

Re: Regional Electric Vehicle Midwest Coalition

Dear Governor DeWine,

Thank you for your focus and pursuit of new economic growth in Ohio. I write to encourage you to join the Regional Electric Vehicle Midwest Coalition and express my support for Ohio's participation.

Currently, 5 Midwestern states, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, are participating in the coalition.<sup>1</sup> Ohio is noticeably absent, despite our rich history and deep ties to the automotive production industry. The Coalition's objective is to expand the use of electric vehicles though multi-state participation and cooperation. As a border state of both Indiana and Michigan, Ohio's entrance is a logical expansion especially given the important role the automotive industry plays in our economy.

Electric Vehicles are the future and it is critical that our state does not get left behind. The Regional Electric Midwest Coalition is pathway and bridge to achieving that future. Participating in the Coalition could potentially create hundreds of reliable, good paying jobs, and allow Ohio to remain a leader in transportation innovation.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your response and actions taken ahead.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Attached, "Regional Electric Vehicle Midwest Coalition Memorandum of Understanding' signed September 30, 2021.