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Subject: Charging stations for Electric Vehicles at Federal Facilities

Message: Dear Congresswoman Lofgren,

I am writing to ask for your help in either changing a law or clarifying it, and I'm not even sure which law it is.

I have long been a supporter of reducing our pollution and our national dependence on foreign oil. Having grown up in Pasadena in the '50s and '60s and the San Francisco Bay area ever since then, I am very familiar with the smog that used to cover the Los Angeles basin and the tremendous strides California has made in reducing the pollution emitted by all our automobiles. I have owned a Honda Civic Hybrid for almost 11 years to do my part to reduce these emissions. I've now passed that car on to my son and have leased a Nissan Leaf all-electric car to keep doing my part.

I was surprised and dismayed to find that my workplace (NASA – Ames Research Center) does not have charging stations because it has been determined that it is illegal for Federal facilities to provide these stations for the public or the people that work at them. However it is my understanding that they are requiring or strongly encouraging State, County and City governments and private companies to install the stations at their facilities. It would seem to me that since the Federal legal counsel has determined that it is illegal for the US government to provide these stations for their employees or contractors that it sets a legal precedent for the other governments to deny these services to their employees and the public as well.

Please ask Congress to change whatever law prevents the Government from providing these charging stations or clarify to the Administration that this interpretation is not correct and may cause many lawsuits from the regional governments.

Sincerely,

