

Outgoing: EV charging stations

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for contacting me about facilities for charging plug-in electric vehicles. I appreciate that you took the time to share your thoughts and experience with me.

I, too, was shocked that there was a provision blocking federal employers from providing charging facilities for their employees while at work. I have long been a strong supporter of electric-drive vehicles as an important part of improving efficiency and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels.

In response to your letter, my staff researched this subject and found that it was due to a particular interpretation of the law regarding how agencies are allowed to spend money. I have since drafted a bill to allow federal agencies to provide charging facilities for their employees. We are now finalizing the details and I hope to introduce the bill when Congress is next in session. While it is difficult to pass any laws in this political atmosphere, we already have bipartisan support so I am hopeful that we can actually fix the law, and allow NASA, and all federal agencies, to install charging stations for employees in the not too distant future.

Thank you again for bringing this issue to my attention. Your advocacy has made a real difference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance to you or your family.

Sincerely,
Zoe Lofgren