

April 1, 2023

Re: HB 2316

To: The Joint Committee on Transportation

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Metro Climate Action Team (MCAT) congratulates the Oregon Legislature for creating and implementing a very successful EV incentive program. The program will avoid a significant amount of greenhouse gases from polluting our environment and causing unnecessary health issues in our communities.

As you may know the program will run out of funds as of May 1st, and new funding will not be available until the next fiscal year. This creates a terrible predicament for Oregon residents planning on purchasing an EV during the period of May to end of June, who had counted on the rebate that was promised by the legislature.

We applaud and support HB 2316, which we believe would fund this program in the future. But the problem remains for those who purchase vehicles between May and June. We ask the Committee to make every effort to have the funding restored for the full fiscal year, so there are no gaps in incentive availability. Perhaps an amendment might include a provision to pay buyers in May or June when funds become available in July?

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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