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## STATEMENT FROM THE CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN APPLAUDS BIPARTISAN APPROACH TO EV INFRASTRUCTURE

**MILWAUKEE** – The Clean Economy Coalition applauds the bipartisan passage of SB 791, which if signed by Governor Evers along with SB 792, will enable the buildout of Wisconsin's electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across the state and allows access to \$78 million in federal funding through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.

Installing EV charging stations throughout Wisconsin – particularly near highway corridors and throughout rural parts of the state – is critical to reducing transportation emissions and enabling more Wisconsin residents, businesses, and visitors to adopt electric vehicles. The added reliability of charging stations across the state will allow more Wisconsinites and visitors to our state to travel long distances, which will contribute to reduced air pollution in communities along highway corridors.

We applaud legislators for working across the aisle to enable this important electric vehicle infrastructure. While we hope future legislation can address concerns around restricting local governments and the services they want to provide, including free charging, these bills represent an important step forward for our state. Implementing charging by the kilowatt hour and enabling retailers to sell EV charging without utility regulation are consumer-friendly policies that will make charging more affordable and accessible.

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## ABOUT THE CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN

The Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin is a group of climate, energy, environmental justice and conservation organizations, businesses and allies. The Coalition leverages the combined strength of its members to enhance the quality of life for all Wisconsinites by accelerating the state's transformation to a clean energy economy. We believe that an economy-wide approach to decarbonization will take our state further, faster – with better outcomes for us all. We champion equity-first policies that create jobs for Wisconsin workers, build healthier communities and protect our natural resources. By working together, we advocate for clean energy solutions that work for all of Wisconsin's diverse cultures, communities and geographies. Learn more at <a href="https://www.cleaneconomywi.com">www.cleaneconomywi.com</a>.