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Dear leaders of the City of Madison:
We ask you to vote in favor of the electric vehicle (EV) readiness ordinance (Legistar # 61929). We believe that encouraging and preparing for our world's transition to EVs shows Madison's leadership and our commitment to our children's future.

The issue of EV charging readiness is personal for our family, because we hope to get an EV soon, and both our young adult daughters already own EVs, as part of their commitment to "Save the Planet". Currently, both daughters are living with us, because they've been attending UW-Madison, and lost jobs due to Covid-19. So at the moment they can charge their EVs in our garage. But now our eldest has graduated, gotten a full-time job, and is seeking an apartment to move into. If you thought finding an apartment which allows pets is difficult, that's easy compared to finding an apartment where one can charge an EV!! Yet, without a place to charge her vehicle, Heather has no transportation. Her car is useless, and her financial sacrifice for the benefit of our shared planet (a used gas-guzzler would have been considerably cheaper to buy) is for naught.

The ordinance you are considering is of vital importance to all young adults, single adults, and lower-income families who do not have a private house they can wire for 240 volts and install their own Level 2 charger in. These people are depending on apartments, work places, colleges, hospitals, and hotels to have chargers available for them.

Electric vehicles have already started to replace gasoline-powered vehicles, and that trend will accelerate as more auto manufactures launch EVs over the next few years. It is vital that we support a rapid transition to EVs, to reduce our transportation emissions, and meet our carbon reduction goals.

A transition to EVs will benefit everyone in Madison, because it will reduce air pollution, and also help curb climate change, which threatens our food supply, livelihoods, health, and property with extreme weather events and unreliable seasons.
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We urge you to support this ordinance which will make it possible for people to switch to electric vehicles, thereby reducing emissions in our city, and building a better, more sustainable Madison.
Thank you,
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