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Dear leaders of the City of Madison:
I write to ask you to vote in favor of the electric vehicle (EV) readiness ordinance (Legistar # 61929) that will soon appear on the Common Council agenda. I believe that preparing for the transition to EVs is another way Madison can be a leading example for communities around the state.
Most major auto manufacturers have plans to launch electric vehicles over the next five years. The question is not if, but when, EVs will replace gasoline-powered vehicles. With the passage of this ordinance, the City of Madison will help our community adapt to EVs, reduce our transportation emissions, and better meet our carbon reduction goals.
Without this EV-readiness ordinance, which is common in progressive communities around the country, Madison will be caught flat-footed with outdated infrastructure. Washington State passed legislation requiring EV development regulations in certain high-travel areas *in 2009*. I urge you to support this ordinance so that we can reduce vehicle emissions and build a better, more sustainable Madison.
On a personal note - I bought a car for the first time in my life last year, at age 27. I would have *loved* to buy an electric vehicle. But as a renter with no garage of my own, this kind of climate-friendly action felt impossible for me at the time. With more EV charging stations in Madison (and eventually more charging stations around Wisconsin), I could have purchased a car to facilitate environmentally-friendly transportation. Instead, I was forced to either support the fossil fuel industry or remain without transportation options.

Climate change is *here*. It is already forcing us towards actions we don't want to take - to turning up our AC during the increasingly hot summers, to moving away from floodzones, firezones, hurricane zones. It is hemming us into less and less land of lower quality. It is time we stop reacting, and instead move proactively against climate change. Start facilitating climate-forward actions your residents *do* want to take. Pass the EV readiness ordinance.

Thank you,

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