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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

On behalf of the North Dakota Ethanol Producers Association (NDEPA) and the North Dakota Corn Growers Association (NDCGA), thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the regulation of electric vehicles in North Dakota. NDEPA represents the state's ethanol industry, including the six ethanol plants, industry stakeholders and associated businesses. NDCGA represents more than 13,000 corn growers across the state.

North Dakota's ethanol industry contributes \$623 million annually to the state's economy and provides thousands of direct and indirect jobs. The plants utilize 160-180 million bushels of corn annually to produce more than 500 million gallons of ethanol which is blended with gasoline to produce a high-performance, cost-effective liquid-fuel option for consumers that is better for the environment. More than 96% of the liquid fuel used in the United States today contains ethanol.

Together, NDEPA and NDCGA encourage the Public Service Commission to consider equitable regulations for all vehicles using state and federal roadways, both liquid fuel and electric. With plants located in rural communities across the state and feedstock provided by farmers statewide, transportation infrastructure is essential to the existence of our industry. Ensuring all vehicles contribute to the maintenance and expansion of the state's transportation infrastructure is vitally important.

Thanks for your consideration. Feel free to contact either of us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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