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New York Legislature Supports Zero-Emission Transition in One-House Budgets State Senate and Assembly include budget proposals to reduce tailpipe emissions

ALBANY, NY – Today, the New York Senate and Assembly released their one-house budget amendments, bringing funding proposals toward zero-emission vehicles and buses, including the corresponding infrastructure support.

The following statement is attributed to the ElectrifyNY coalition:

"ElectrifyNY applauds both the New York State Senate and Assembly for advancing funding to accelerate our clean transportation future in their one-house budget bills. The **Assembly** leads the charge on vehicle electrification through a comprehensive electric fast charging station implementation plan and funding for zero-emission vehicles, and the **Senate** includes crucial language to create a used zero-emission vehicle rebate program.

The availability of **charging infrastructure** has remained a barrier to electric vehicle adoption, and this comprehensive plan clears that path. Dedicated funding for medium- and heavy-duty vehicle charging stations builds confidence for drivers and companies that charging options are available and will expedite vehicle electrification. A clear, proactive build-out of public and private infrastructure is necessary to guarantee that New York meets its climate mandates.

Funding for zero-emission vehicle adoption is an essential part of reducing emissions.

The combined investment in zero-emission public transit, school buses, and charging infrastructure will allow fleet operators the necessary resources to transition and ultimately help alleviate the disproportionate burden of toxic air pollution on disadvantaged communities. While more can be done to ensure the resulting jobs from this transition are good jobs, workers could also benefit from a "cleaner" work environment.

We urge the Governor, the Senate, and the Assembly to work together to finalize a budget that includes all of these amendments and to protect our communities by maintaining the Advanced Clean Trucks program's existing implementation timeline."

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<u>ElectrifyNY</u> is a statewide coalition of advocates for environmental justice, public transportation, social justice, and good jobs fighting for a clean, equitable electric transportation future for New York. We aim to improve the environment and public health outcomes for the communities most affected by the negative impacts of the transportation sector's dependence on fossil fuel.