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STATEMENT ON INCLUSION OF DRIVING AMERICA FORWARD ACT BY HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

In response to the House Ways & Means Committee Democrats' inclusion of H.R. 2256, Representative Dan Kildee's Driving America Forward Act, in today's clean energy technology package, the **EV Drive Coalition's Mike Carr** released the following statement:

"Today's announcement is a clear recognition by the House of Representatives and Chairman Neal of the widespread and diverse support for the Driving America Forward Act. We applaud the Chairman, Congressman Kildee and the Committee for their leadership to address the urgent issue of transportation emissions, which is the leading source of greenhouse gases in the United States.

"Expanding the electric vehicle tax credit is not only critical in the fight against climate change, it also makes zero-emission vehicles accessible to more Americans, improves air quality, enhances our national security, and will grow an emerging industry that already supports nearly 300,000 American jobs.

"While the current tax credit has been successful in accelerating EV deployment, these vehicles still comprise less than one percent of automobiles on the road. At a time when our leaders should be doubling down on policies that enable EV adoption, instead, we risk letting the domestic market stagnate if we fail to act. That is why today's announcement is so important.

"We look forward to working with the Congress to ensure passage of the Driving America Forward Act by the end of the year."