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## **With all 50 states having Alternative Fuel Corridors, now is the time to welcome private retailers into charging marketplace**

Last week, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration announced that all 50 states now have at least one stretch of interstate that has been designated as an “Alternative Fuel Corridor.” These corridors will serve as the backbone of the nation’s electric vehicle (EV) charging network.

Alternative Fuel Corridors are among the most heavily trafficked highways in America, with fuel and food retailers conveniently located along the interstate to meet drivers’ needs.

However, regulatory policies in most states prevent these gas stations, truck stops, travel plazas, convenience stores and grocers from selling high-speed EV charging to drivers without facing major fees and unfair competition from the power companies.

“We urge all 50 states to develop policies that allow and encourage the sale of EV charging through these existing private retailers, so that EV drivers can enjoy the same amenities and refueling experience that non-EV drivers enjoy today,” said Jay Smith, executive director of Charge Ahead Partnership, a coalition of businesses, associations and individuals that share the common goal of efficiently and effectively developing a charging network for electric vehicles (EVs) across the United States.

The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program will distribute \$7.5 billion for states to develop EV charging networks over the next five years. Federal guidance for the program tells state leaders to consider locations at travel centers, food retailers and convenience stores along Alternative Fuel Corridors to help create a private market that attracts investment to EV charging and because these sites already have the restrooms, shelters, lighting and accessibility that drivers need.

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