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Charge Ahead Partnership Congratulates Gabe Klein, New Executive Director of the new Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

Charge Ahead Partnership issued the following statement on Gabe Klein’s appointment as Executive Director of the new Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. The following statement can be attributed to Jay Smith, Executive Director of Charge Ahead Partnership:

“Charge Ahead Partnership congratulates Gabe Klein on his appointment as Executive Director of the new Joint Office of Energy and Transportation. We look forward to working with Mr. Klein on a broad spectrum of issues to ensure that the nation’s fuel retailers can profitably invest in electric vehicle charging stations as states and local communities implement upcoming EV charging investments under his direction.

“As Mr. Klein evaluates the many options for advancing the Administration’s goal of building out a nationwide network of EV charging stations, we encourage him to seek solutions that encompass a market-based approach and ensure a level playing field for private sector retailers seeking to invest in EV charging.

“Specifically, we hope that Mr. Klein will utilize the existing network of fuel retailers and incentivize a level playing field in the development of the EV charging network. Public utilities currently have an unfair advantage over this new marketplace as they pass along the cost of building utility owned and operated charging stations onto monthly customers, while also levying significant demand charges on private retailers. We encourage Mr. Klein to work with us on solutions to these challenges.

“With hundreds of thousands of locations across all 50 states, our members can alleviate range anxiety and ensure EV drivers have access to safe and reliable EV chargers, ensuring the same refueling experience for drivers of electric vehicles that drivers of gasoline-powered vehicles experience today.

“Charge Ahead Partnership, along with its thousands of fuel retailers, grocers, businesses, associations and individual members, looks forward to working with Mr. Klein on these important issues.”

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