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## **ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS SUBMIT IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CLEAN FUEL STANDARD**

HALIFAX, NS, August 26 – Today, Electric Vehicle Society launched a campaign to encourage the Government of Canada to retain policies that support electric vehicles (EVs) in the Government's Clean Fuel Standard regulations.

The Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) could be one of the most important initiatives to help reduce carbon emissions in Canada. Through a polluter-pay credit system rather than a tax-payer funded program, the CFS aims to benefit low-carbon fuel sources. For electric vehicles, the credits generated through charging could be re-invested to support new charging stations, education and outreach programs, or discounts on the purchase price of vehicles.

In June 2019, the government recommended, with the support of EV Society and other industry stakeholders, that all electricity delivered to EVs would generate credits that could be reinvested. However, in a public stakeholder meeting this July, the government reversed its previously held recommendations and proposed changes that would severely reduce the number of credits generated.

"Most home charging is now excluded from receiving credits," says Wilf Steimle, President of Electric Vehicle Society. "Since most EV charging occurs at home and overnight using a surplus of inexpensive electricity, this change means that roughly 80% of crediting that could have been generated for reinvestment in Canada's future clean transportation initiatives will be excluded."

An inadvertent side effect of the proposed changes will likely see urban centres benefit from credit reinvestment while there is little support for rural Canada and certain Prairie and Atlantic provinces.

"Elements of the CFS that pertain to electric vehicles, agreed upon last year, are critical to accelerating electric vehicle adoption at a rate consistent with the Government of Canada's own zero emission targets," says Kelsey Lane, co-chair of Electric Vehicle Society's government relations committee. "The proposed changes threaten to drastically diminish the effectiveness of the Clean Fuel Standard in driving the uptake of one of the cleanest fuels — electricity — and will reduce our collective potential to reduce GHG emissions in Canada."

### **About Electric Vehicle Society**

Electric Vehicle Society is a not-for-profit organisation representing Canadian electric vehicle owners and advocates from coast-to-coast-to-coast. For more information on the Clean Fuel Standard or to use the automated tool to write to the Minister with your support, visit Electric Vehicle's CFS site at: <https://evsociety.ca/cfs/>

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