Clean Cars for America

Scientists now tell us that the world needs to reach net-zero carbon emissions by mid-century to avoid the most devastating impacts of the climate crisis. On our current path, we are nowhere close to meeting that target.

The transportation sector accounts for nearly one-third of America’s carbon output. Even as many U.S. auto companies prepare for zero-emission futures, electric vehicles are still too expensive for many Americans, and our country lacks sufficient charging infrastructure.

The Clean Cars for America plan would result in 63 million fewer carbon-emitting cars on the road by providing steep discounts for clean vehicles when trading-in a gas-powered car.

It would make clean vehicles and charging infrastructure accessible to all Americans, regardless of where they live and work. And it would firmly establish the United States as the global leader in clean vehicles and battery manufacturing.

This program is supported by a broad coalition of stakeholders – including leading climate groups, labor unions and auto companies.

There are three major components to the plan:

- Making clean vehicles affordable by giving consumers a substantial cash voucher to trade-in their gas-powered cars and buy a U.S.-assembled and affordable plug-in electric, plug-in hybrid, or hydrogen fuel cell car. ($392 billion)

- Making charging infrastructure accessible through a new grant program to states and localities to ensure all Americans have access to charging infrastructure. ($45 billion)

- Reasserting U.S. leadership in clean car manufacturing with robust incentives for manufacturers to build new factories or re-tool existing factories in the United States to assemble zero-emission vehicles or manufacture charging equipment. ($17 billion)