



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-03630**

BY: **MR. SCHIEFKE (VAUDREUIL—SOULANGES)**

DATE: **MAY 6, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Road transportation**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

Zero-emission vehicles are the future of transportation. Roughly one quarter of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions comes from transportation – mainly from gas- and diesel-powered cars and trucks.

Zero-emission cars and trucks are a cleaner, more efficient choice for transporting people and goods. However, zero-emission vehicles are still uncommon in all communities across Canada. That is why on January 21, 2019 the Government announced an ambitious set of targets to increase the uptake of zero emission vehicles by Canadians. These targets aim to increase vehicle sales of ZEVs of 10% by 2025, 30% by 2030 and 100% by 2040.

To support this transition and offer more affordable zero-emission vehicles to middle-class Canadians, on March 19, 2019 the Government announced investments to support zero emission vehicles including \$300M for an incentive program to help make eligible zero emission vehicles more affordable; \$130M to deploy recharging and refueling stations for zero emission vehicles; and \$265M to support businesses to adopt this technology with a 100% tax write-off for ZEVs. This tax write-off applies to eligible vehicles purchased on or after March 19, 2019 and before January 1, 2024.

On April 17, 2019 details of the Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles (iZEV) program, which will apply to eligible vehicles purchased as of May 1, 2019, were announced. Eligible battery-electric, hydrogen fuel cell, and longer range plug-in hybrid vehicles, with a battery capacity of 15kWh or more, will receive a \$5,000 incentive, while eligible shorter range plug-in hybrid electric vehicles with a battery capacity of less than 15kWh will receive a \$2,500 incentive.

While the Government of Canada has not adopted a zero emission vehicle mandate, Transport Canada is following closely the developments taking place in those provinces that have started implementing such measures. Budget 2019 recognized the need to ensure that vehicle supply meets increased demand, which is why \$5 million over five years is earmarked for Transport Canada to collaborate with auto manufacturers to secure voluntary ZEV sales targets. Research and analysis, as well as consultations with stakeholders on future measures will continue to take place to ensure best measure to meet Canada's emissions targets are identified.