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The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I urge you to immediately release the nearly \$36 million in electric vehicle charging infrastructure funding for Rhode Island that is being held by the Department of Transportation. The Trump Administration's continued hold on these funds will roll back progress on Rhode Island's ability to establish a reliable network of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state.

Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Congress approved several grant programs to help establish a national network of convenient, reliable charging stations. However, these efforts are now on hold as DOT withholds the necessary approvals to unlock this funding. This includes the following programs in Rhode Island:

- **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI): \$20.8 million.** NEVI funds are designed to ensure a convenient, reliable network of charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) nationwide. Rhode Island was allocated \$22.8 million, \$2 million has already been spent by the state.
- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program (CFI): \$15 million.** This funding would help build out RI's EV charging infrastructure and would finance additional chargers in strategic public locations such as public road parking lots, municipal office buildings, public schools, and public parks.

I urge you to execute the funding directives Congress enacted and immediately release this funding to the state.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator