



**To:** Chair Liz Krueger, New York State Senate Finance Committee, and Members of the New York State Senate

**From:** Rivian Automotive, LLC (“Rivian”)

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**Re:** Inclusion of a Clean Fuel Standard in the Senate One House Budget

**Rivian calls on the Senate to include a clean fuels standard (“CFS”) in this year’s state budget.** The Climate Action Council’s recent inclusion of a CFS in the New York Scoping Plan only underscores the critical role a CFS would play in the decarbonization of New York’s economy. While we believe the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) could act administratively to establish a CFS under authority granted to the agency by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, legislative action to include a CFS in the One-House Budget is another viable path forward and would send an unambiguous signal to DEC to initiate a rulemaking. Legislative language to establish a CFS already exists in S. 1292, co-sponsored by 36 members of the Senate. Rivian applauds the leadership shown by the co-sponsors of S. 1292 and respectfully encourages the Senate to incorporate the bill’s language into the One-House Budget.

The transportation sector is currently the largest source of greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions and one of the most significant contributors to air pollution in New York State. **CFS policies are a proven approach to reducing GHG emissions and air pollution and are a powerful enabler of transportation electrification.**

CFS policies have several important design features.

- A CFS establishes a market for trading compliance credits, creating powerful incentives for the use of a portfolio of clean fuels, building broad support across industries.
- **The use of electricity as a transportation fuel can be particularly beneficial under a CFS**, helping to marshal private capital for charging infrastructure development and EV deployment.
- With the appropriate frameworks in place, **earnings from credit trading can support manufacturer investments, consumer purchases, and fleet-switching by both light- and medium-/heavy-duty fleet operators**—complementing the state’s existing clean vehicle regulations, including the Advanced Clean Cars and Trucks rules.

With a CFS, New York would accelerate growth in the clean fuels and clean vehicles markets, improving public health and helping the state reach its climate goals.

## About Rivian

Founded in 2009, Rivian is an American manufacturer of all-electric adventure vehicles™ with a mission to Keep the World Adventurous Forever. With over 13,000 employees—including at our service center in Brooklyn, New York—Rivian’s focus is the design, development, manufacture, and distribution of all electric, zero emissions vehicles, including our R1T pickup, R1S SUV, and a delivery van designed for Amazon.