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New Poll: American Voters Support Federal Investments in Electric Vehicles

Broad, Bipartisan Support for EV Investments and Incentives that Lower Costs, Expand Access, and Help the U.S. Beat China in the Race for Auto Manufacturing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new bipartisan national poll conducted by Meeting Street Insights and Hart Research finds broad public support across the political spectrum for electric vehicle (EVs) manufacturing and infrastructure. The data also shows strong support for tax incentives, especially when they lower costs, expand access, create jobs for American workers, and help the U.S. beat China in the race for auto manufacturing.

The research was jointly commissioned by the Centerline Liberties, the Conservative Energy Network, and Zero Emission Transportation Association. The survey was conducted among N=1,016 registered voters nationally and N=525 registered voters in 15 Electric Vehicle Investment Congressional Districts.* Interviews were conducted online February 19-25, 2025.

"The data is clear – all voters, including a majority of Republicans, recognize the importance of EVs to the future success of the American auto industry and its global competitiveness. While Republicans may still be on the fence regarding the purchase of an electric vehicle, they understand that federal EV investments yield major benefits for both consumers and auto industry workers. Further, voters across the political spectrum know that growing domestic EV manufacturing will increase affordability while keeping these jobs from going to China," said **Rob Autry**, GOP Pollster and Founder of Meeting Street Insights.

"Americans overwhelmingly agree: we must invest in our workers and incentivize manufacturers to build affordable, high-quality EVs—not let China dominate this industry. Keeping these jobs here strengthens our economy, secures our supply chains, and ensures America continues to lead in innovation," said **James Dozier**, President of Centerline Liberties.

"This poll confirms what we've long known - American voters, including conservatives, want policies that strengthen our economy, create jobs, and keep us competitive against China. Supporting electric vehicle manufacturing and infrastructure isn't about partisan politics, it's about ensuring that American workers and businesses lead the future of transportation. Investments that make EVs more affordable and accessible align with conservative values of energy independence, economic growth, and national security," said **John Szoka**, CEO of Conservative Energy Network.

"Investing in American manufacturing is smart policy, and it is smart politics. It is clear from this poll that voters across the political spectrum view investments in EV manufacturing as good for American manufacturing, economic growth, and job creation," said former U.S. Representative **Ryan Costello** (R-PA). "Policies that support innovation in the auto industry, maximize consumer choice and affordability, and re-shore supply chains make U.S. manufacturing more competitive, advantage American workers, and are clear winners with voters."

"The results of this poll—performed by the highly reputable pollsters at Meeting Street Insights and Hart Research—demonstrate strong bipartisan support for maintaining federal investments in the growing U.S. electric vehicle manufacturing sector," said ZETA Research Director **Corey Cantor**. "This research shows that Americans across the board want to see continued federal investments that support job growth in automotive assembly, battery manufacturing, and critical mineral projects coming online across the country. The data is clear that Americans broadly support policies that bring jobs and economic opportunities to their local communities and bolster U.S. competitiveness as global competition heats up."

"This poll shows that Americans want a foot on the gas, so to speak, on electric vehicles," said Hart Research partner **Jay Campbell**. "They clearly see the value and benefits of tax credits and rebates for EVs and charging infrastructure and domestic EV manufacturing and solidly endorse the federal government pushing EV efforts forward."

Highlights of the new national polling include:

Eighty-five percent (85%) of voters nationwide - including a strong majority of Republicans (76%) - believe the federal government should support American companies that make affordable, powerful electric vehicles built by American workers.

- 81% of Republicans support federal investments that keep EV manufacturing jobs in the U.S. so they don't go to China
- 76% of Republicans support increasing the number and reliability of public electric vehicle charging stations
- 76% of Republicans support federal government investments that make electric vehicles more affordable for average Americans and working families.

- 75% of Republicans agree that investing in EV manufacturing and infrastructure creates good jobs.
- 72% of Republicans agree that investing in EV manufacturing and infrastructure gives consumers more choices.

The full poll memo can be found here.

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<u>Conservative Energy Network (CEN)</u> is a 501(c)(3) non-profit coalition of state-based conservative clean energy organizations advancing policy solutions that emphasize market competition, consumer choice, and innovation. Learn more at www.conservativeenergynetwork.org.

The Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA) is a federal coalition focused on advocating for the advancement of the electric vehicle supply chain. ZETA is committed to enacting policies that drive EV adoption, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, and maintain American EV manufacturing dominance in global markets.