

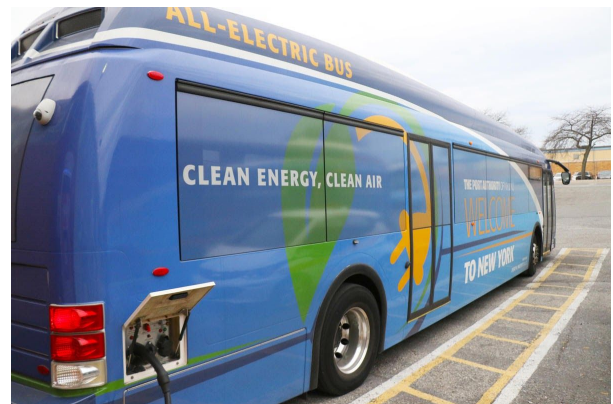
# Power Up, America

America has been living through particularly difficult times. As our leaders consider how to contain the coronavirus, create jobs and address environmental injustice, they have a chance to make some big changes that are long overdue.

We can power up the economy and reduce air and climate pollution by building more clean trucks, buses, cars and clean energy. All of this will move us toward a healthier and more prosperous future.

## It starts with building more electric trucks, buses and cars – right here in America

- Transitioning to a zero-emission transportation sector will put over one million people to work, save thousands of lives, build up our domestic manufacturing base and make American businesses more competitive.
- A clean transportation system has the potential to bring good jobs as well as significant health benefits to communities of color and lower-income communities, who are more likely to live near highways and be directly exposed to harmful soot and smog pollution.
- The goal of **all new cars to be zero polluting by 2035, and all new trucks and buses to be zero polluting by 2040** is achievable: every major truck, bus and car manufacturer is already developing or investing in all-electric, zero-emission vehicles.



## To achieve the scale needed to transform the transportation sector, we need Congress to:

- Support domestic manufacturing of electric vehicles, batteries and component parts.
- Expand tax incentives and point-of-sale vouchers for zero-emissions cars and trucks.
- Provide grants to school districts to purchase zero-emissions, electric school buses.
- Fund state and local agencies developing electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Ensure low-income communities, communities of color and others hit hardest by climate change and air pollution are first in line to benefit.



## **We must also transition to clean electric power to run our homes, farms, businesses and vehicles**

- Transitioning to clean energy will help boost our economy: Before the coronavirus recession, the sector was producing jobs 70% faster than the economy as a whole.
- Dirty power plants are a major source of air, water and climate pollution and often located in communities of color and low-income communities. By investing in clean energy and energy efficiency we can protect these communities, clean up our air and guarantee everyone access to reliable and affordable energy.
- Over 87 million Americans are already getting service from an electric utility that's moving to net-zero emissions, but we need smart policies to reach our nationwide goal of **100% clean electric power by 2035**.



### **To accelerate progress, we need Congress to:**

- Extend and expand clean energy tax credits for wind, solar and energy efficiency.
- Establish new tax credits for offshore wind and energy storage.
- Invest in new transmission & distribution infrastructure, and grid-scale energy storage.
- Ensure that a significant percentage of investments are directed to frontline communities and areas that are losing fossil fuel industry jobs to ensure a just transition for workers.
- Double funding for clean energy research and development, including significant increases to the budget of ARPA-E, a government agency that helps companies commercialize promising breakthrough energy technologies.

American innovation makes these ambitious goals achievable. We have a long history of entrepreneurs, scientists and engineers tackling big challenges, and this is no different.

**Let's get to work creating healthier communities by building clean trucks, buses, cars and clean energy. It's time to Power Up, America!**