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PLUG IN AMERICA SUPPORTS THE "IMMEDIATE ACTIONS" IN THE SECTION ON ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY. MOVING THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR FROM LIQUID AND GASEOUS FUELS TO GRID ELECTRICITY WILL YIELD THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT IN OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES AND PETROLEUM DEPENDENCE WITH MINIMAL INFRASTRUCTURE COST.

THE PLAN EMPHASIZES THE BENEFITS OF ACCELERATING PLUG-IN HYBRIDS AND WE HEARTILY ENDORSE THIS EFFORT. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL YIELD TREMENDOUS BENEFITS, NOT LEAST IN TERMS OF REDUCING BATTERY COST. THIS IN TURN WILL RESULT IN A SCENARIO NOT OUTLINED IN THE PLAN WHICH OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED: SIGNIFICANT MARKET PENETRATION OF PHEVS WILL MAKE FULL BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES A MORE PRACTICABLE AND LOWER COST OPTION THAN ENVISIONED. THE RESULTANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS WILL BE MUCH GREATER. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AS WE KNOW THAT LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS CREATING A CLEANER AND MORE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GRID. PLEASE KEEP THIS ADDITIONAL SCENARIO INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN CONSIDERING ZEV PROGRAM REVISIONS EARLY NEXT YEAR.