



## **CLEAN CARS 2030**

### **Write a letter to the editor or op-ed to your local news publication!**

A growing number of Rhode Islanders are interested in replacing their gasoline-powered cars with electric vehicles (EVs) but struggle to do so because of high upfront costs or a lack of charging infrastructure. Many lawmakers and local leaders across the state are confused about the benefits of electric cars and whether this is an issue that matters to their constituents. We're starting a campaign to get the message to our local leaders and elected officials – Rhode Islanders want policy to support the transition to clean & affordable electric cars!

#### **What we're looking for**

We are looking for Green Energy Consumers Alliance members in Rhode Island, especially those who live in the East Bay, Aquidneck Island, South County, and Pawtucket/Central Falls, to write letters to their local news publications. Tell your story about why you want to drive an EV and what state leaders should do to support clean cars.

Every publication has different rules on how to submit a letter to the editor or an op-ed. Sometimes news publications only accept longer entries (500 words) while others allow shorter entries (200 words or less).

*For more information or help on how to get started, email Mal Skowron [mal@greenenergyconsumers.org](mailto:mal@greenenergyconsumers.org).*

**As an example, one of our EV ambassadors named Peter Viner-Brown recently submitted his letter to the editor to the Valley Breeze. [You can read it here.](#)**

**Here's another short (~150 word) example written from the perspective of someone who hasn't been able to make the switch to an EV.**

The recent uptick in gas prices, as well as my concern about the accelerating impacts of climate change in our coastal state, made me interested in replacing my gas-burning car with an electric vehicle (EV). Unfortunately, when I investigated it, I found that there was no way for me to install charging at my 10-unit condo building. Though I thought I would be able to afford the cost of installing charging just for my unit, the installation requires major electric upgrades for the entire building. Since no one else is interested in an EV at this time, I couldn't convince the other members of the condo association to share the expense (though we all might benefit from the ability to install EV charging in the next few years!)

If Rhode Island is going to address climate change, the state needs to do a better job to support building out charging infrastructure, especially for people who don't live in single-family homes. I'm stuck paying \$5 per gallon in gasoline and contributing to more carbon pollution until we see supportive policies to encourage EV charging.

**To learn more about our campaign, visit  
[greenenergyconsumers.org/takeaction/phasingoutgasoline](https://greenenergyconsumers.org/takeaction/phasingoutgasoline)**