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Chairman Estaban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Miami-Dade County Commission  
Stephen P. Clark Government Center  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 220  
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Chairman Bovo:

[The Electrification Coalition](#) (EC) is a national nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that unites prominent business and military leaders committed to promoting policies and actions that facilitate the deployment of plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) on a mass scale in order to combat the economic, and national security dangers caused by America's dependence on oil, which also brings tremendous value towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

While our organization is national in nature, much of the work we do involves partnerships with local governments and communities. For example, we have developed implementation partnerships with 20 cities supporting various advanced transportation efforts and work in partnership with the National Association of Regional Council of Governments to aggregate fleet purchasing. For the past several years, we have also operated an initiative called "Drive Electric Orlando." This innovative national demonstration project allows visitors to Central Florida (America's top tourism destination) to rent an electric car, which makes more likely the possibility they will purchase an EV for personal use in the future. We have also worked collaboratively in advising supporters of SB852, the proposed Florida Smart City Challenge Grant Program, leveraging our expertise supporting the U.S. DOT and City of Columbus to design and implement their Smart City program. We are proud of the work we are doing in the "sunshine state" and look forward to working with more Florida communities to expand electric vehicle infrastructure.

As an organization, we believe innovative public-private partnerships are critical to solving the energy-related challenges we face. The recent partnership that was announced between Miami Dade County and FPL is a tremendous example of this kind of approach to problem solving.

The partnership would bring innovative solutions to the community and will also help develop high-tech transportation-related improvement projects. More specifically, this partnership would greatly expand the number of electric vehicle charging stations at or near Miami-Dade County facilities, which will help expedite the County's transition to advanced fuel fleet vehicles while also providing more charging options for residents and visitors.

We applaud Mayor Carlos Gimenez and the Miami-Dade County government for working to solve energy and environmental-related challenges with pragmatic, innovative strategies. We are proud to join organizations such as the Everglades Foundation, Audubon Florida and other leaders from South Florida's business and civic community in supporting this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbie Diamond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent upward stroke at the end.

Robbie Diamond  
Founder & CEO, The Electrification Coalition

cc: Mayor Carlos Giménez