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**CLIMATE SUCCESS STORY** The state's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Program incentivizes a shift from gas-powered to electric vehicles by increasing affordability and accessibility.



Source: Illinois Governor's Office

## Illinois's rebate program accelerates the affordable EV transition

In July 2021, Illinois announced the opening of its EV Rebate Program, supporting its efforts to reduce emissions from the transportation sector and make EVs more affordable. This program was created under the *Climate and Equitable Jobs Act* (CEJA), which Governor J.B. Pritzker signed in fall 2021, and named Megha Lakhchaura Illinois's first-ever EV coordinator.

With the transportation sector the leading producer of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Illinois, this move continues the state's comprehensive approach to emissions reductions through transportation electrification and establishes it as a national leader in EV adoption. This program makes EVs more affordable and incentivizes the switch from gas-powered to EVs by prioritizing low-income applicants for the \$4,000 rebate so that no one gets a rebate until all low-income applicants

receive a rebate. This reflects Illinois's approach to the clean energy transition, which asserts that it is only as effective as it is accessible. With households facing increasingly high costs of living and transportation emissions particularly concentrated in low-income communities and communities of color, making EVs more affordable is a crucial part of Illinois's climate plan.

The rebate program reflects continued progress in the implementation of Illinois's comprehensive and groundbreaking climate bill, the CEJA, and is one of many efforts in Illinois to accelerate statewide EV adoption. Additionally, earlier in 2022, Governor Pritzker included \$30 million in the state budget for the state to convert its vehicle fleet to EVs, and \$70 million was reappropriated for EV charging infrastructure statewide.



## CLIMATE ACTION-AT-A-GLANCE

The following list includes both **statutory** and **executive** policies and actions that have been adopted or are in the process of being adopted.



### ECONOMY-WIDE GHG TARGETS & CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

- Lead by Example programs & goals
- Economy-wide GHG goal



### BUILDINGS/EFFICIENCY

- Electric utility energy efficiency resource standards
- Gas utility energy efficiency resource standards



### ELECTRICITY

- 100% clean electricity goal
- Renewable portfolio standards



### NATURAL & WORKING LANDS

- Healthy soils legislation



### JUST TRANSITION/EQUITY

- Environmental justice offices or interagency bodies
- Environmental justice screening and policy tools



### CARBON MARKETS & VALUING CLIMATE DAMAGES

- Social cost of greenhouse gases in policymaking



### CLIMATE FINANCE

- Green and/or resilient infrastructure bank