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To Emily Cushman:

My name is Jake Morrel and my wife and I live in a condo located in downtown Portland at 21 Chestnut Street. We own a Prius Prime.

I wanted to make sure that you are aware of the hurdles facing owners of existing condos in Portland related to EV and hybrid charging. Our building has 37 units, off street parking and 3 residents own plug-in vehicles. Others are weighing the pros and cons of plug in cars.

However, none of us can plug in at home. It takes a majority vote from our association to authorize such a capital expense. Since many units are owned by investors who desire to minimize expenses, that will never happen.

Portland residents represent an ideal market for additional plug ins. Many, like ourselves, drive short daily distances and can afford the option.

Many of the cities' level 1 and 2 chargers are within parking garages and therefore uneconomical for city residents.

Perhaps grants could be offered to buildings with a certain percentage of plug-ins to defer some of the expense of a charging station. In our building I'm confident that would lead to more hybrids and EVs. Thanks for your time

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