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### A letter for change

In their letter, the senators wrote: “The rich history and culture of Route 66 as a symbol of American freedom and adventure will draw millions of visitors to each of the eight states it runs through during the Centennial Anniversary of this iconic highway in 2026. In particular, we urge<sup>1</sup> the Federal Highway Administration and the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation to make significant investments in electric vehicle (EV) chargers along Route 66 through the second round of the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. We believe federal investment in EV charging will play a critical role in fostering<sup>2</sup> economic and infrastructure development in communities all along Route 66 during its Centennial Anniversary.”

They continued: “More than 2 million people visit Route 66 every year, and our states are busy planning numerous events in 2026 to celebrate the anniversary and honor the Mother Road and its connection to American culture. Accessible charging infrastructure can help draw<sup>3</sup> visitors to historic sites and roadside attractions, as well as catalyze the revitalization of downtowns and main streets<sup>4</sup>.”

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My name is Mike May, and I started Electric Route 66 in 2018 as a way to educate electric vehicle owners, small businesses, and travelers about using EVs to take classic American road trips, especially on the most classic road of all: Route 66.

I have only been an EV owner since late 2017, but I have been a road-tripper all my life. From childhood vacations with family, to solo trips starting at age 18 in the early 1990s, all the way to the present, I've always liked to visit interesting places and my preferred method of travel has always been by car.

My wife Jessica is my partner in road-tripping and all other ways, enthusiastic through our travels [...]. We are a team, and I couldn't dream of adventuring without her.

Along with a new generation of electric vehicles, there comes a new set of challenges for travelers [...], and a new set of opportunities for destinations to attract these drivers. As I learn how to integrate EV travel into my own life, I want to use Electric Route 66 to share my experiences and help others who are interested in the exciting new era of car travel that EVs represent.

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