

# MONTLY NEWSLETTER

Empowering Electrification Equitably



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## Charging Ahead!

Hello Equity Advocates,

So much has transpired since our January newsletter, especially in the political landscape. While many of the new administration's actions toward clean energy and clean tech have been confusing—and at times disheartening—they have not shaken our mission. We remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring underserved communities have access to equitable electrification.

We will continue pushing for EV chargers and energy efficiency upgrades in underserved neighborhoods. We will keep providing a platform for community voices and expanding education through outreach. And through our Community Electrifiers program, we will keep equipping residents with the skills to thrive in the EV and energy efficiency industries.

No matter the administration's focus, ours remains clear. We will seek alternative funding sources beyond federal dollars to sustain and grow our initiatives. As long as we are here, underserved communities will have a voice.

Now, more than ever, your support is critical. Thank you for standing with us—please continue spreading the word. We appreciate you!

Best is Ahead,  
*Deedra Simmons*

Executive Director, Electrify Equity



## JANUARY RECAP

- **Industry Roundtable:** EE participated in The Clean Energy Industry Roundtable hosted by Next Generation, Inc., joining industry leaders to discuss the future of clean energy.
- **Community Outreach:** We've been invited to a May outreach event to share our mission with residents—stay tuned for details!
- **Leadership Growth:** We proudly welcomed a new board member to strengthen our impact.



## SITE HOSTS WANTED

Are you a site host or know of a location that could benefit from EV infrastructure? As a nonprofit, we're uniquely positioned to partner with site hosts on the new Maryland Energy Administration EVSE grant to help secure funding. Interested? Reach out to [Deedra@ElectrifyEquity.org](mailto:Deedra@ElectrifyEquity.org) to discuss opportunities!



## ELECTRIFY ESSENTIALS KITS CAMPAIGN

This April, we're hosting a community event to distribute Electrify Essentials Kits to at least 20 households in underserved communities! These kits will provide essential resources to support energy efficiency and electrification at home. Click [here](#) to learn more and support our campaign!



## EV TAX CREDIT

Automakers are already preparing for the potential end of federal EV tax incentives, advocating for a gradual phaseout instead of an abrupt stop to prevent disruptions in EV adoption. Moving forward, state-level incentives may play a crucial role in sustaining EV growth. If you're considering an EV, now may be the best time to make your move before incentives change. Stay tuned for updates as policies evolve!





### BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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With over a decade of experience in green tech and renewable energy, Libby Bittman brings invaluable expertise to Electrify Equity. But it's her passion for service that truly sets her apart. A vocal advocate for our mission, she continually seeks opportunities to elevate Electrify Equity's impact. We're incredibly grateful to have her on board! Check out her bio [here](#).



### POLICY WATCH

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In January 2025, the Trump administration issued an executive order pausing new funding for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure program, impacting the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program as well. Additionally, Home Energy Rebates and crucial funding for building energy codes remain in limbo. As always, underserved and rural communities stand to suffer the most from these setbacks. We'll continue to advocate for equitable electrification—stay tuned for updates.