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Dear Chairman Shannon and esteemed members of the House Transportation, Mobility, and Infrastructure Committee,

On behalf of Clean Fuels Michigan, MICHauto, and Michigan EIBC we formally offer our support for House Bill 4706, sponsored by Representative MacDonell. House Bill 4706 not only makes important clarifications in state law surrounding the sale of electricity via electric vehicle chargers, but it also brings Michigan in line with federal law, allowing us to capture the full statewide benefits of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding worth approximately \$110 million. The passage of House Bill 4706 will ensure Michigan is able to take advantage of funding opportunities like this and others which are needed to achieve the state's plans for widespread vehicle electrification.

Clean Fuels Michigan, MICHauto, and Michigan EIBC are trade organizations with a vast array of vehicle and technology companies across our collective memberships. Our respective organizations are seeing rapid growth from member companies as the electric vehicle market dramatically expands. From manufacturing to development, private industry is gearing up for a surge of new investment in Michigan.

It is clear that the future of mobility is increasingly electrified and automated – and Michigan's automakers are leaning in to achieve this mobility future. Michigan must meet the growing electric vehicle market with a commitment to infrastructure buildout. In addition to investments from automakers like General Motors and Ford, providers of charging services such as Dunamis, BorgWarner, FLO, and ABB are increasing their footprints in the state. For example, FLO has opened its first U.S. manufacturing facility in Auburn Hills which will create over 130 new jobs in 2023. The company expects that its facility will create more than <u>730 direct and indirect jobs</u> and will produce 250,000 EV chargers by 2028.

By clarifying the law surrounding the sale of electricity in Michigan, House Bill 4706 will further demonstrate to the electric vehicle and charging industry that Michigan is open for business. For these reasons, we urge the Committee to pass House Bill 4706 in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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