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Representative Jessica Vega Pederson
Chair, House Committee On Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, H-285
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 3129

Dear Chair Pederson, and Members of the Committee:

Drive Oregon is pleased to support House Bill 3129.

Electric cars are increasingly affordable and popular. Electric vehicle sales are growing faster than hybrid car sales did in their early years, with more models being offered every year and costs dropping rapidly. There are several electric cars available for lease for under \$200 per month, and driving on electricity is like paying \$1 per gallon for gas. Electric vehicles can put more money back in drivers' pockets – and keep that money circulating here in Oregon.

Renters need charging options. Studies by Idaho National Labs and others show that approximately 60-80% or more of charging happens at home, and that is likely to continue. For drivers who do not own homes with garages, or who rent, home charging can be more complicated.

House Bill 3129 supports important workplace charging. After the home, the next most important place to be able to charge is at work. The US Department of Energy has created the "Workplace Charging Challenge" to encourage employers to support employees who commute by electric vehicle, and Drive Oregon is a voluntary Ambassador for the program. Over 15 Oregon employers, from Intel and Mentor Graphics to small companies like JLA Public Involvement, have signed up for the challenge. However, employers who do not own their buildings face challenges similar to electric vehicle drivers who do not own their homes and parking spaces.

House Bill 3129 is a good first step. The bill takes a conservative approach, giving renters an "opportunity to charge," without imposing unreasonable requirements or costs on property owners. Rather, the bill simply creates an opportunity for renters and property owners to have a reasonable negotiation about how best to support electric vehicle drivers. In fact, we believe the bill could be strengthened further with some modest adjustments to the exemption for buildings with multiple tenants and clarification of "noncommercial" use.

We would be pleased to work with sponsors and stakeholders to help develop appropriate language.

More Information About Drive Oregon. Drive Oregon is the epicenter for innovation in electric mobility, connecting leaders and entrepreneurs to advance the industry and strengthen our economy. Drive Oregon's mission is to grow the electric vehicle industry and promote electric transportation in Oregon. Drive Oregon has over 100 members, ranging from small startup companies to public interest organizations and major global auto manufacturers. Our members include several companies that make and operate electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) such as charging stations.

We would be pleased to provide further comments and input on House Bill 3129. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Allen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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