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Chair Ken Helm
Rep.KenHelm@state.or.us
House Committee on Energy and Environment

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments today on House Bills 2510, 2511, 2514, and 2704. Founded in 2008, ChargePoint is the world's largest and most open electric vehicle (EV) charging network, with 32,000 level 2 and DC fast-charging stations, including 320 ports throughout Oregon. We have sold charging stations to more than 5,000 customers, including major employers, municipalities, electric utilities, universities, real estate developers, and parking garage facility owners and operators. Our Oregon charging station sales are supported by a local sales team and a network of in-state channel partners, resellers, and installers. In most cases, our customers operate and control the stations themselves, relying on ChargePoint for support services, billing, and maintenance.

ChargePoint fully supports efforts to develop a strong and sustainable economy for the future, which includes a robust market for electric vehicles. Transportation electrification will help to achieve greenhouse gas reductions, make our air cleaner, and build a thriving economy. We support HB 2510, HB 2511, HB 2514, and HB 2704 because each of these bills would advance those goals.

HB 2510 and HB 2511 would ensure that consumers who want electric vehicles have the opportunity to make that choice. Consumers would have the freedom to choose electric vehicles regardless of whether they rent or own their properties, and HB 2510 and HB 2511 would require nothing of landlords except respect for their tenants' transportation choices. Simply put, these bills would empower consumers to make the decisions that make the most sense without having to move in order to do so.

While HB 2510 and HB 2511 strengthen consumer choice, HB 2514 and HB 2704 help to build an economy that offers consumers the options they need. Using several different approaches, including rebates to consumers (HB 2704) and rebates to sales agents (HB 2514), these bills would support the development of an EV market that will expand consumer access to EVs, incentivize sustainable choices, and grow Oregon's green economy. By making EVs a more affordable choice and making more funds available for education and outreach, HB 2514 and HB 2704 will lay the foundation for the future of Oregon's transportation industry.

In a world struggling to adapt to a rapidly changing environment and economy, Oregon has the chance to lead by modeling the economy of the future. HB 2510, HB 2511, HB 2514, and HB 2704 take a step in that direction, and they do it by empowering the private sector to lead the way. For these reasons, ChargePoint strongly supports these bills.

Thank you for considering our input. We look forward to supporting your leadership on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Smart".

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