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Assemblymember Marc Levine
Tenth Assembly District, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 684 (Levine) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Levine,

The Center for Climate Protection (Center) supports Assembly Bill (AB) 684 (Levine), Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging: Building Standards. Rules proposed in this bill would enable California to move more quickly toward a 21st century transportation system by ensuring that the infrastructure necessary for EV charging is codified through multi-family building standards.

EVs are spreading rapidly in California, and the further spread of this technology is critical in enabling our State and local communities to mitigate the effects of climate change. As a wider range of EV models become available, Californians are increasingly choosing to replace their combustion cars with clean, efficient, low-maintenance electric cars.

The data clearly show that the vast majority of EV charging takes place at home, and that EV drivers cite the ability to leave home every morning with a full “tank” as one of the great advantages of making the switch. However, 31% of Californians live in multi-family housing, where installation of EV charging lags. With a need for over 1.8 million housing units in California in the coming decade, it is expected that the share of multi-family housing in the total housing stock will grow.

This forward-thinking bill would do much to ensure that the approximately 1/3 of Californians who live in multi-family housing have the same access to EV charging as those living in single family homes. Since lower-income and older Americans are more likely to live in multi-family housing, this bill also addresses both the critical issues of equity and climate.

The Center represents thousands of supporters and program collaborators throughout California. Our combined participants and/or subscribers among our several programs and newsletters add up to nearly 10,000 individuals.

California must develop a transportation system that is consistent with our climate and economic goals. Accessible EV charging is an important part of this cleaner, more reliable energy economy of the future. We strongly support AB 684, and thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ann Hancock, Executive Director