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The Honorable Jeffrey N. Roy  
House Chair, Joint Committee on  
Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy  
Massachusetts State House, Room 42

The Honorable Michael J. Barrett  
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on  
Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy  
Massachusetts State House, Room 109D

The Honorable Tackey Chan  
House Chair, Joint Committee on Consumer  
Protection and Professional Licensure  
Massachusetts State House, Room 43

The Honorable Cynthia S. Creem  
Senate Majority Leader  
Massachusetts State House Room, 312A

The Honorable Bradley H. Jones, Jr.  
House Minority Leader  
Massachusetts State House, Room 124

The Honorable Bruce E. Tarr  
Senate Minority Leader  
Massachusetts State House, Room 308

**Re: House Bill 4524 – An Act Advancing Offshore Wind and Clean Energy**  
**Senate Bill 2842 – An Act Driving Climate Forward**

Dear Committee of Conference members:

On behalf of ChargePoint, I want to thank you for your work on these bills and your dedication and leadership on clean energy and the electrification of transportation in the Commonwealth. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter in support of several provisions in Senate Bill 2842, *An Act Driving Climate Forward*, and one suggestion for consideration in House Bill 4524, *An Act Advancing Offshore Wind and Clean Energy*, each of which would strengthen a final piece of legislation emerging from the Committee of Conference (the Committee).

## **I. Background ChargePoint**

ChargePoint is the nation’s leading electric vehicle (“EV”) charging network, with charging solutions for every charging need and all the places EV drivers go: at home, work, around town and on the road. ChargePoint’s primary business model is not to operate charging stations ourselves, but to provide smart, networked charging solutions directly to businesses and organizations. We are committed to making it easy for cities, towns, state agencies, businesses, multifamily buildings, fleet operators, as well as individual drivers and public transit riders to go electric. ChargePoint is proud to partner with local businesses in Massachusetts to deploy and support EV chargers, such as Voltrek in Methuen, World Energy in Worcester, Aetna Corp. in Cambridge, and Horizon Solutions in Taunton.

## **II. House Bill 4524 – Addition for Consideration**

ChargePoint requests that language be added to section 92c (a) of the bill that creates the Grid Modernization and Planning Council. We ask that the Committee consider the additional seat to the Council for an electric vehicle charging manufacturing representative; *“1 of whom shall be a*

*representative of the electric vehicle charging manufacturing industry.”* It is important to know that companies devoted to electric vehicle charging manufacturing have the specialized knowledge of and experience with how EV charging affects and interacts with the grid. Grid modernization can deliver greater quantities of zero-to low-carbon electricity reliably and securely, including handling variable renewables like wind and solar power. It can also support the electric vehicle revolution and increase grid resilience to withstand climate impact.

### **III. Support for EV Charging Infrastructure in Senate Bill 2842**

We wholeheartedly support the many aspects of this bill that touch electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including updating the state’s building code with EV ready requirements and requiring that charging stations be installed along the MassPike and in other publicly accessible areas.

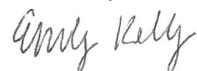
We encourage the Committee to consider an advisory council to accompany the newly created EV Charging Infrastructure Council within the bill. We believe that EV charging companies, EV manufacturers, environmental groups, environmental justice groups, and others within the electrification of transportation world can bring real-life experience and knowledge to those within state agencies.

Companies like ChargePoint bring direct experience in assisting states with the deployment of chargers along highway corridors, connecting potential site hosts (retail stores/hotels/convenience stores, etc) with state grant opportunities to offset the costs of charging stations, and vast knowledge of policies in place in states around the country and federally that have advanced the switch to electric. We believe an advisory council made up of private and public groups, alongside non-profit would benefit the Commonwealth and bring a diverse group of stakeholders to the table.

### **IV. Conclusion**

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed legislation included in this testimony. ChargePoint is grateful for the Committee’s focus on transportation electrification as one of the keys to unlocking further greenhouse gas emission reductions in the Commonwealth. We look forward to serving as a resource to the Committee as it continues to evaluate policies that can reduce emissions while leveraging significant private capital and creating thousands of jobs across Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



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