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The Honorable Phil Ting
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2127 (Ting) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) is the independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). ORA's mission is to advocate for the lowest possible rates for customers of California's regulated utilities consistent with safe, reliable service levels and the state's environmental goals.

ORA supports AB 2127, as introduced on February 8, 2018, which would require the California Energy Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and the CPUC, to create a statewide assessment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support the levels of electric vehicle adoption needed for the state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.

In order to achieve California's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, electrification of the transportation sector is critical given that nearly 40% of our climate pollution is emitted from cars, trucks, rail, and marine vessels. The expanded deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a key component to putting five million zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) on the road by 2030. Governor Brown's [Executive Order B-48-18](#) calls for a combination of more ZEV infrastructure and continued incentives for consumers to purchase ZEVs.

ORA supports a statewide assessment which would require state agencies to work cooperatively to quantify and strategically plan for future charging infrastructure needs. This assessment would help inform the appropriate levels of ratepayer investment in charging infrastructure.

ORA looks forward to working with you on this legislation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me at (415) 703-2381 or at elizabeth.echols@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Echols
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