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Dear Building Standards Commission,

I am writing to ask you to ensure that ALL new buildings in California are equipped to meet the state's critical Electric Vehicle (EV) targets.

As an EV owner for the last 2 years and a home-owner with financial means, I still find it challenging to easily and cheaply charge my vehicle. My home is old and cannot yet handle the increased load of charging, but luckily I am able to charge at work for free and I can afford to charge when I go to the grocery store. Few others have that privilege. People will not buy or lease EVs without the option to charge at home. We need to give everyone that option otherwise we will never get to the EV adoption we need as a country to meet our carbon reduction goals and slow the pace of climate change.

It is outrageous that the current building code doesn't give multi-family housing (MFH) the same access to charging as single-family housing. MFH residents deserve the financial and health benefits of EV driving. Installing EV charging infrastructure at the time of new construction is the cheapest way to build EV charging access -- and without this access, people in apartments and condos won't be able to make the switch.

Over 20 California cities have already passed EV "reach codes"; it's time now for CALGreen to **level the playing field** and provide equitable, affordable, ubiquitous access to EV charging in new buildings in *all* California communities.

Specifically, we ask you to require for **all new Multi-Family Housing units with parking:** 

- an EV space that is wired directly to the corresponding unit's electricity meter;
- true EV Ready 'plug-and-play' charging access, via an electric outlet or EV charging cordset;

3. prominent labeling of EV charging spaces with highly-visible signage, to increase EV awareness and encourage adoption.

Please do your part and improve the 2022 CALGreen code -- so that EV charging will truly be accessible by all.

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