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Executive Director Mia Marvelli,

As a mother deeply concerned about the escalating climate crisis, and as an advocate for equitable access to at-home EV charging, I am writing in strong support of the EV Charging for All Coalition (EVCAC)'s feedback on Items 5, 12, and 14 of the draft language for the CALGreen Intervening Code Cycle. These thoughtful recommendations will provide essential clarity, allow builders to choose lower-cost building options, and increase the number of newly built apartments and condos with access to EV Ready charging.

Most importantly, I ask that, in Item 5, the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Agency clarify that a developer may follow the voluntary Tier 1 or Tier 2 standards in lieu of the standards included in the mandatory section.

This simple one-sentence clarification will avoid confusion and increase flexibility for builders. It also has the potential, in some cases, to decrease the compliance cost of new multifamily housing while simultaneously expanding access to EV charging for multifamily residents.

EVCAC's well-considered recommendations are in the best interests of residents of new multifamily homes, staff of state and local enforcing agencies, and builders and developers as well. Please act upon the public's feedback during this Public Comment Period so that it's as robust a public process as possible.

It's vital that we don't wait another code cycle to make these key clarifications. Thank you for listening.

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