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Chair Representative Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the Committee,

My name is Joseph Stenger. I am Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee of MCAT - Mobilizing Climate Action Together. I am writing in support of HB 2961.

Providing vehicle charging must become the norm for multifamily homes. As the damage from “unprecedented” weather events mounts into the many billions (like the recent LA fires), we have solutions to prevent worsening catastrophes. One of those is shifting to EVs, but EVs cannot become a significant portion of our vehicle fleet without building out the infrastructure to make it feasible for as many people as possible.

I strongly support making charging ubiquitous. That will reduce one of the key barriers for someone considering switching away from a vehicle that causes toxic pollution as well as contributing to climate disasters. Facilitating more of us switching from gasoline to electric vehicles will get us a long way toward meeting our goals to reduce greenhouse emissions, as mandated in EO 20-04. We can do this!

Please vote HB 2961 out of Committee and support its passage in both chambers.

Thank you for your hard work to ensure a better future for all Oregonians!