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Portland, OR 97202
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Dear Committee Chair and members.

I am writing to strongly support HB2961 based on my own experience with the difficulty in charging an electric vehicle. My wife and I bought an electric automobile in 2020 and though we own a home in Portland, we do not have off street parking, and so must park on the street. Because at the time Portland did not allow electric cables on the sidewalks without an extensive permitting process, we could not run a cable from our house to the car, not back the car up next to the house and block the sidewalk. Hence though we were trying to contribute to a diminution of greenhouse gas emissions, we found that charging infrastructure was an impediment to achieving this goal. Fortunately, Portland has modified its rules to allow well-shielded charging cables on residential sidewalks.

Hence, I know that moving Oregon away from dependence on fossil fuels requires increasing the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. HB2961 promotes this goal and moves toward a more sustainable future. It is imperative that it be adopted this year.

Sincerely,

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