



June 8, 2021

Dear Chairman Bellino, Minority Vice Chair Manoogian, and members of the House Energy Committee:

The Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (Michigan EIBC) is pleased to be able to provide the following comments on HB 4801, HB 4802, HB 4803, HB 4804, and HB 4805. While we are neutral on the bill package as a whole, we greatly appreciate the intent of the proposed bills and the bill sponsors' and Committee's attention to these issues.

Michigan EIBC is a trade organization of more than 130 companies spanning the advanced energy industry. A growing subset of those members are in the mobility sector, including charging infrastructure providers, supply chain manufacturers, battery storage developers, mobility solutions providers, and OEMs. It's clear that the future of mobility is electrified and automated – and Michigan's automakers are leaning in to achieve this mobility future. For example, Michigan EIBC member company General Motors has committed to produce only all-electric light-duty vehicles by 2035. Ford has committed to invest \$22 billion in electric vehicles through 2025. It's also clear that these automakers recognize that the mobility future is connected to a distributed, modernized electricity future. For example, a new Ford F-150 can power your home for three days during a power outage and Ford is partnering with solar installers, including Michigan EIBC member Sunrun, to power these trucks with solar energy.

As the transition to electric vehicles accelerates through these private sector solutions, the need for a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations is more important than ever. To deliver such a network that serves all Michiganders' needs, private sector investment and innovation will be critical.

We appreciate the dedicated efforts of Representatives Schroeder and Kupp to engage stakeholders, including their coordination of a broad stakeholder workgroup last session and willingness to discuss concerns and adopt changes proposed by Michigan EIBC and others. Michigan EIBC is supportive of the underlying intent of the legislation to codify Michigan Public Service Commission Orders which allow for the resale of electricity by electric vehicle charging stations without subjecting them to rate regulation as a utility. The legislation would extend those MPSC decisions beyond DTE Electric's and Consumers Energy's service territories to the entire state and make this policy permanent. Allowing for the sale of electricity by charging station operators without subjecting them to rate regulation will accelerate private market development and drive innovation, while providing the best services and pricing options to customers.

The bills before you today (HB 4801 and HB 4802) are significantly improved and include revisions proposed by Michigan EIBC. We look forward to continuing to work with the bill



sponsors and the committee to ensure that there would not be any unintended consequences from the legislation that could cause undue burden on the charging infrastructure industry.

Michigan EIBC is similarly broadly supportive of the intent of House Bills 4803, 4804, and 4805 to create more opportunities for electric vehicle charging stations to be deployed at rest areas and transportation centers. We would like to continue to work with the bill sponsors and the Committee to ensure that these bills create jobs and economic opportunities for Michigan's growing electric vehicle charging industry.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee to make Michigan a leader in our advanced mobility future.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura S. Sherman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Laura Sherman
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