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TO: Members, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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SUBJECT: SB0144 (HB0110) – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act
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MEA POSITION: FWA

As written, Senate Bill 144 would represent a significant burden for MEA, creating a duplicative program, providing redundant statutory authority, forcing the adoption of duplicative regulations, and requiring the addition of one PIN position to administer the foregoing. MEA advises that all of these issues can be rendered moot without sacrificing *any* benefit if the Committee were to adopt an amendment placing the bill in the same posture of the Third Reader version of the bill’s crossfire, HB110.

The proposed legislation creates a statutory mandate for an “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program” within MEA. MEA already operates an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) program that serves the purpose of the proposed “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program”.

The existing EVSE program already facilitates “the electrical upgrade of a parking structure owned by the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association” for electric vehicle recharging equipment. Specifically, MEA program guidelines for the EVSE program “includes entities that intend to purchase and locate EVSE for non-exclusive individual use at multi-unit dwelling (MUD) developments (apartments, condominiums, homeowners associations, etc.).” (FY21 EVSE Rebate Program Guidelines, Pg. 2).

Additionally, the existing program incentives already subsidize both the EVSE itself (the electric vehicle charger) and the installation; including “site design, charging equipment, installation, labor, site preparation, upgrade for utility connections, signage [sic] and equipment necessary to implement and operate the EVSE.” (Guidelines, Pg. 3)

Should the Committee adopt the amendments included in the Third Reader of House Bill 110, MEA can avoid the several burdens and inefficiencies associated with the duplication of efforts, while still fulfilling every facet of Senate Bill 144. For these reasons, MEA urges a **favorable report as amended** for Senate Bill 144.