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The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1016 (Allen) – Support

Dear Senator Allen:

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) is the independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). ORA's mission is to advocate for the lowest possible rates for customers of California's regulated utilities consistent with safe, reliable service levels and the state's environmental goals.

ORA supports SB 1016, as amended on March 21, 2018, which would eliminate barriers for electric vehicle (EV) owners who live in Common Interest Developments, including multi-unit dwellings and condominium complexes.

Cost-effectively advancing the state's clean climate goals is a top priority for ORA. SB 1016 would help achieve these goals by reducing barriers to installing charging stations in common interest developments. The bill also clarifies that the homeowner is responsible for paying costs associated with the installation of the charging equipment, as well as their electricity usage.

ORA looks forward to working with you on this legislation. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me at (415) 703-2381 or at elizabeth.echols@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Echols
Director