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Honorable Erin Murphy
Chair, Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee
Minnesota State Senate
3211 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Murphy, Vice Chair Mitchell, Ranking Minority Member Anderson, and members of the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee,

ChargePoint writes to express its support for Senate File 2584, which establishes a clean transportation standard to reduce the carbon intensity and impact of the transportation sector across Minnesota. We believe that a technology-neutral, all-of-the-above approach is key to decarbonizing the highest emitting sector in Minnesota: transportation. With a clean transportation standard, Minnesota will lower greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels, improve public health, and help Minnesota reach its climate goals while bolstering the state's economy.

A clean transportation standard (CTS) or a clean fuel standard (CFS) is a performance-based standard that will help Minnesota reach its aggressive climate goals. As an active participant in existing clean fuels programs, ChargePoint can directly attest to the effectiveness of this policy. Where these standards exist today, in California, Oregon, and British Columbia, we are seeing faster transportation electrification and higher levels of private investment in charging infrastructure. That is because a clean transportation standard reduces the operational costs of charging infrastructure and sends an effective signal to invest in EVs and charging stations. This holds true for individual drivers, transit agencies, and fleet operators. In fact, over the past decade, clean fuels standards in the US have generated almost \$15 billion for clean fuels and infrastructure, including nearly \$2 billion for transportation electrification including EV charging stations and vehicle rebates.

In states with CFS policies, the standard has acted as an economic stimulus, creating business opportunities, and attracting investment and jobs in clean transportation technology industries. A clean transportation standard is an important tool in our toolkit of policies that can help Minnesota meet the ambitious climate goals that it has set.

In conclusion, thank you for this opportunity to express our support of Senate File 2584. ChargePoint believes that creating the clean transportation standard will immediately start reducing pollution from fossil fuels and encourage decarbonization.

Sincerely,
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