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To: Joint Committee on Judiciary

From: Nathan Davis, Ph.D., Sierra Club Maine

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Re: Testimony in Support of L.D. 1133: An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

by Condominium and Residential Associations

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, my name is Nathan Davis, and I write on behalf of Sierra Club Maine, representing over 22,000 supporters and members statewide. Founded in 1892, Sierra Club is one of our nation's oldest and largest environmental organizations. We work diligently to amplify the power of our 3.8 million members nationwide as we work towards combating climate change and promoting a just and sustainable economy. To that end, we urge you to vote "ought to pass" on L.D. 1133: An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by Condominium and Residential Associations.

Mobility and access to transportation are fundamental to the capacity to lead a fulfilling life, and Maine must continue to promote clean and sustainable transportation options. L.D. 1133 accomplishes this by eliminating the ability of condominium or homeowner associations to restrict electric vehicle charging in an owner's unit or parking space. It does not tell such associations that they must install chargers, nor does it tell anyone what to drive. It simply removes a restriction on individual liberty in the service of a healthy future. We hope that such expansion of freedom for a worthy cause can unite people across party lines, and we are heartened to see bipartisan sponsorship of this legislation.

We urge you to vote "ought to pass".

Sincerely, Nathan Davis, Ph.D. Sierra Club Maine Legislative Team member