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Re: Support for House Bill H7353

Dear Honorable members of the House Corporation,

My name is Dr. Caroly Shumway. I have been a RI resident overall since 1990. I am writing in strong support of House Bill H7353.

This bill would provide EV charging incentives, making it easier for municipalities, workplaces, home-owners and renters in multi-unit buildings, and fleets to provide electric vehicle charging stations. Speaking from experience as an enthusiastic recent electric car owner, there are still far too few charging stations available in our state. Range anxiety remains a concern for people without ready access to charging stations.

Renters are particularly penalized. This stops younger people from buying electric cars. My daughter had bought an electric car in Austin ,TX. She had to return it and get a hybrid instead, as her apartment and multi-unit apartment did not offer charging. And this bill would provide even greater incentive levels for those in disadvantaged communities.

This bill would also help make EV charging ready to go with its Make Ready program in which the electric utility would cover the cost of the wiring upgrade.

By increasing the use of electric vehicles in our state, you will be improving the health of children in high-trafficked areas by reducing asthma. You will also be helping Rhode Islanders do our part in reducing carbon emissions, critical for making the world better for future generations. We need immediate action on climate change because later is too late. Our future is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Dr. Caroly Shumway