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March 31, 2022

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 1814 (Grayson) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Garcia,

On behalf of the Town of Danville, I write in support of AB 1814, a narrow bill that would allow Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) to submit applications to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to receive funding to support transportation electrification. The Town of Danville is a member of Marin Clean Energy (MCE) and supports efforts to ensure that CCAs have a full suite of tools necessary to confront the climate crisis by eliminating fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions and to create equitable community benefits.

Transportation electrification (TE) is a vital component of California's climate change mitigation strategy, as well as a key environmental priority for the Town of Danville. With an ambitious state goal of achieving at least five million zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) on the road by 2030 and 250,000 electric vehicle charging stations by 2025, the Town of Danville seeks to ensure that an appropriate share of these investments is located in and benefits Danville residents. CCAs, as local government agencies themselves, are particularly well-suited to deploy TE infrastructure in ways that best benefit local communities and residents.

Today, all customers pay into the programs administered by the CPUC, but only investor-owned utilities (IOUs) can access those funds to support their programs. Importantly, under AB 1814, CCAs would have to apply for the funds in the same manner that IOUs do. The Town of Danville supports AB 1814 because it would correct this funding inequity and allow all customers to fully benefit from the programs their monthly bills support. By adding effective and nimble additional administrators to the CPUC's programs, AB 1814 will make the CPUC's TE programs more successful as well.

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CCAs have a proven track record of serving our customers and communities with programs and service options tailored to meet local needs and priorities. AB 1814 will help to expand upon already-successful CCA TE offerings and ensure ratepayer fairness for CCA communities.

For these reasons, the Town of Danville is pleased to support AB 1814. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



NEWELL ARNERICH, MAYOR

Cc: The Honorable Assemblymember Tim Grayson
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