



June 24, 2019

The Honorable Doug Green
Chairman, House Transportation and Public Safety Committee
77 S. High St
13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: House Bill 202

Chairman Green:

On behalf of AEP Ohio, I am writing to express support for House Bill 202, legislation establishing the Electric Vehicle Study Committee.

House Bill 202 would align the conversation in Ohio with many other states across our nation. At AEP Ohio, we are committed to investing in electric vehicle infrastructure to support this thriving industry. In August 2018, our company implemented an incentive program to encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at public sites, workplaces and apartment complexes. AEP Ohio has committed \$10 million to the program to provide for funding for up to 375 EV charging stations throughout our 68 county service territory. The EV program would assist in offsetting charges for participants who wish to install charging stations. We recognize the many benefits that the electric vehicles provide to owners, our environment and our state's economy. Utility investment will be vital in supporting the expansion of EVs and AEP Ohio is leading the way to encourage access for all.

As the automotive industry continues to evolve, it is essential to determine how Ohio can stay competitive in adjusting to these changes. Establishing an Electric Vehicle Study Committee to focus on the needs and opportunities for partnership with state and local stakeholders will ensure that infrastructure investment is effectively implemented throughout all areas of our state. House Bill 202 is a great opportunity for our state to continue EV progress with forward thinking and innovative policies.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge the committee's favorable passage of H.B. 202.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Haberman", is written over a horizontal line.

Maria Haberman
Director, Government Affairs
American Electric Power - Ohio