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## **Testimony of Kevin George Miller on Behalf of ChargePoint in Support of S.B. 257**

### **Senate Committee on Ways & Means**

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Chair Roegner, Vice-Chair Blessing, and Ranking Member Williams and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

ChargePoint is the world’s largest network of electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations, with charging solutions for every charging need and all the places EV drivers go: at home, work, around town, and on the road. With more than 108,000 places to charge in its network nationwide, including over 1,200 charging spots in Ohio, ChargePoint has thousands of customers – workplaces, cities, retailers, apartments, hospitals, and fleets – who have deployed charging solutions on their properties.

Across the nation, the market for electric vehicles and EV charging is growing rapidly. In Ohio, there are over 15,000 registered EVs, with a strong annual growth rate over 50%. EV adoption is expected to accelerate in the coming years, with more models and more choices for consumers. Ohio is positioned to lead the nation with EV adoption and development.

ChargePoint is pleased to support Senate Bill 257. The legislation will accelerate greater investment by businesses and municipalities in EV charging, which will make charging stations accessible to more Ohioans and businesses.

Given the already successful pace of EV adoption in Ohio, we know Ohioans demand for EV is growing, but we can do more. S.B. 257 will send a strong market signal that Ohio supports the EV and EV charging industries in a responsible manner that attracts greater economic development, businesses, and jobs to Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration of S.B 257 and we urge your support for this legislation.