



November 5, 2025

To: Senate Public Utilities Committee  
From: Jacob Olson, Executive Director of Public Policy, -- RaceTrac, Inc.  
RE: SB 106

Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora, and Members of the Senate Public Utilities Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 106. RaceTrac is proud to be a new entrant in Ohio, and we are excited to serve communities across the state with convenient, affordable, and customer-focused fueling options. As we look to the future, we believe the best way to build out Ohio's electric vehicle (EV) charging market is through a competitive, market-based framework that protects taxpayers and empowers private investment.

SB 106 was recently amended to classify EV charging stations as a "competitive retail electric service" under Ohio statute. This is significant, as this new classification will ensure that electric distribution utilities (EDUs) cannot use ratepayer funds to purchase, own, or operate EV chargers. To be clear, this is not a prohibition on EDUs providing EV charging stations, as it preserves the ability for utilities to participate in the market so long as they do so through a separate subsidiary competing under the same rates, terms, and conditions as all other EV charging providers. This balanced approach promotes fair competition and protects consumers by ensuring that the EV charging marketplace develops through innovation, efficiency, and private capital investment.

Currently, nothing prevents EDUs from using ratepayer-funded advantages to own and operate public EV charging stations in direct competition with private providers. Private businesses cannot compete on equal footing against a monopoly entity with guaranteed cost recovery and captive ratepayers. SB 106 resolves this inequity by setting clear guardrails that foster a competitive, transparent market and provide the certainty needed for companies like RaceTrac to invest in EV charging infrastructure throughout Ohio.

We commend Senator Reineke for his leadership on this important issue and appreciate the Committee's continued work to advance this legislation. SB 106 appropriately balances the roles of private businesses and utilities in Ohio's growing EV charging market. By promoting competition and protecting ratepayers, this bill will accelerate the deployment of fast, reliable charging options and ensure that Ohio remains an attractive place for investment and innovation.

We respectfully urge your support of the legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jacob Olson", is written over a light blue rectangular stamp area.

Jacob Olson

Executive Director of Public Policy  
RaceTrac, Inc.