



To Members of the Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee:

My name is William Policastro and I am a Vice President at Blink Charging. Blink Charging strongly supports Senate Bill 307, "Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry." Blink Charging is a leader in electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and has deployed over 30,000 charging ports across 13 countries, many of which are networked EV charging stations, enabling EV drivers to easily charge at any of the Company's charging locations worldwide. Blink has 204 EV chargers in Ohio.

America's transportation future is electric. According to the most recent Guidehouse Insights report, by 2030, there will be over 26 million plug-in electric vehicles on the road in North America, while at the end of 2021, there were only about 2 million. Blink is grateful that SB 307 provides a sales tax incentive for drivers to purchase an electric vehicle. Coupled with the recently passed bipartisan infrastructure law, which allocates \$140 million to Ohio for EV chargers, SB 307 addresses many critical areas to ensure Ohio is well-positioned for an EV future.

Blink is particularly pleased that the legislation would evaluate existing electric vehicle charging infrastructure and identify needed improvements or expansions to EV charger deployment. SB 307 also calls for developing a strategic site plan for electric vehicle charging infrastructure that ensures universal charging access. Developing a site plan that ensures universal charging access is critical to fostering the adoption of electric vehicles. Lastly, the Bill would evaluate improvements needed to the electric grid to support the growing demand for electric vehicles. Each of these components is important to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.

Thank you for your work on this important legislation. We look forward to working with you to help foster a strong electric transportation industry that allows Ohio to thrive in the future of electric transportation.

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