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June 3, 2024

The Honorable Angelique Ashby, Chair
Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 7320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2037 (Papan). Weights and Measures: Electric Vehicle Chargers.
Support (As amended March 14, 2024)
Hearing: June 10, 2024

Dear Senator Ashby:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I write to support AB 2037 (Papan), which clarifies that for the purposes of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers, devices owned by public agencies fall under the jurisdiction of the county sealer of weights and measures.

California Weights and Measures professionals ensure a fair marketplace by verifying products are sold by accurate weights, measures, and prices. If a sale item is represented by the pound, gallon or meter, the consumer must be able to trust that the device used to establish that measurement and price is accurate. This program protects consumers and allows for true value comparison. It also protects businesses and ensures fair competition in the marketplace.

County Sealers and Weights and Measures register and “seal” all commercially used weighing and measuring devices in the marketplace. County sealers regularly inspect any device used to calculate the price of an item for sale derived from a unit of measure to ensure that the device is accurate and then includes all devices owned by a person, defined as a “person, firm, corporation, or association.”

In 1977, an Attorney General Opinion states that, for the purposes of Division 5 of the Business and Professions Code, “person” does not include a city or municipally owned weighing and measuring device. This opinion potentially removes devices owned and operated by cities and governmental entities from the jurisdiction and regulatory oversight of county sealers of weights and measures and the consumer protection and accountability that county sealers provide. At that time, municipally owned and operated weighing and measuring devices were uncommon. Now, municipalities own and operate EV chargers used for passenger vehicles.

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Sacramento County supports AB 2037 to ensure that EV charger users will benefit from the consumer protection provided by the commercial weighing and measuring device registration program. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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