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Dear Minister of State,

Charging Forward to 2030

On behalf of the REA and undersigned trade associations, businesses, and environmental groups, we would like to highlight and express our strong support for the findings of RECHARGE UK's report "Charging Forward to 2030", specifically the following key recommendations:

- **Promote local system flexibility:** Support the deployment of flexible solutions such as battery storage and solar to provide local system flexibility and reduce the need for costly grid reinforcement.
- **Prioritise chargepoints in connection queues:** When emergency services and road freight are reliant on charging infrastructure to fulfil their roles, chargepoints should be considered nationally significant infrastructure and be eligible for prioritisation in the connections queue.
- **Improve local authority involvement:** The Government should introduce a statutory duty to plan for EV infrastructure on local authorities. This should support more detailed evaluation of requirements for anticipatory investment in grid capacity.
- **Introduce a right to charge:** The Government should introduce a right to charge which protects tenants in multi-storey buildings from the high upfront cost of grid connections and enables future tenants to install chargepoints more easily.
- **The Future of Transport Regulatory Review:** Ensure that car parks can support a growth in EV demand to 2030, by mandating more ambitious minimum levels of chargepoints and cabling installed in new and existing car parks.
- **ZEV Mandate:** Ensure that the ZEV mandate is as ambitious as possible and flexibility mechanisms are restricted to provide investor confidence for a newly developed charging industry. Ensure Plug and Charge and V2X are included in requirements at the next earliest review of the ZEV mandate.
- **Mandate accessibility requirements** for public chargepoints to ensure wheelchair users always have equal access to charge their vehicle.
- **Introduce a van charging standard** to enable van drivers to charge as easily as car drivers.

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We are committed to playing our part in accelerating chargepoint deployment and we fully recognise that achieving a successful chargepoint rollout will require actions from multiple stakeholders in the electric vehicle charging space. We look forward to working with the Department for Transport and Office for Zero Emission Vehicles in order to see these recommendations delivered. It is vital that the Government, the private sector, DNOs, and Local Authorities work together to accelerate chargepoint deployment and enable charging infrastructure that is equitable and fit for the future.

We hope that you will read the report, and full set of recommendations¹ which lays out how current EV sector market barriers can be effectively addressed. By adopting the recommendations in this report, the Government can achieve its target of reaching 300,000 chargepoints by 2030, creating new jobs and driving economic growth. We firmly believe that the recommendations of this report provide the opportunity to reinvigorate the charge to net zero transport. This will help end criticism of the capability of charging infrastructure to meet future demand and directly address the geographic inequalities of charging infrastructure.

Considering this, we urge you to adopt the recommendations of “Charging Forward to 2030” to make a significant difference in the speed at which we can deploy EV charging infrastructure that is equitable and fit for the future. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your team to further discuss the contents of the report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. M. Skorupska'.

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¹ https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Charging_Forward_to-_2030-_Report_19th_July_2023-Hi-Res.pdf