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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Re: Docket # 19-TRAN-02 -- ChargerHelp! Comments on MD/HD ZEV Infrastructure Funding Allocation

We commend the Energy Commission for supporting electrification of medium and heavy duty fleets through different funding programs. It is important to support companies and individuals in the upkeep and maintenance of the EV charging stations in order to support the flow of goods in the state of California. This will be impossible with the current guidelines included in these programs; completely excluding the proper workforce to partner with the entities who may want to request rebates for data collection, repair and maintenance of the EV charging stations.

ChargerHelp, Inc. is the industry leader in the diagnostics, maintenance, and repair of Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE)/ EV charging station, in the U.S. ChargerHelp! is a California-based, women- and minority-owned company. We have created and managed technology to resolve the pain points EV charging software providers, manufacturers, and utility companies experience on a daily basis. Our EVSE Technicians are trained by OSHA and NFPA to recognize hazards and practice safety with EV charging stations over 350kw. Our EVSE Technicians are also trained by the software companies and manufacturers in their evolving technological complexities.

Software, firmware and hardware repairs are the most demanded by EV charging stations companies. By the US Department of Labor's Occupational Class Code for an EVSE Technician and by California statute, it would be an oversight to require the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program in order for a company like ChargerHelp! to partner with entities for the data collection, repair, and maintenance of EV charging stations. ChargerHelp! advocates for a just and equitable workforce process for disadvantaged communities, veterans, women, and people transitioning from dissolving industries who are interested in working in the cleantech space. We look forward to the continued changes of the programs released by the State and partnership between CEC and stakeholders to solve the technical problems that affect equitable and reliable EV charging stations throughout California.

Respectfully,

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