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Dear Commissioner Peterson,

I am writing to provide feedback on the contemplated grant to ChargePoint (nee Colomb) for integrated charging network integration for California. I work with a number of EV and infrastructure companies in Los Angeles, serve as GABA Cleantech Chair, am co-chair of the LAEDC E-Mobility Task Force and am on the advisory board of both Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator and the Clean Energy Research Center at UCLA. In addition I organize, with volunteer support, ecarfests, a series of community outreach events promoting adoption of EVs. My experience in the field is primarily local to California although I work with overseas partners on best practices (e.g. Shanghai, Amsterdam and Berlin regional EV policy).

I do not feel this is a good use of the funds for several reasons.

1. ChargePoint has already received considerable government support - if we want this business sector to emerge I think a private solutions is better for long term stability and capitalization in the area.

2. There are private solutions already in the area, why kill innovation and sustainable business models with grants? An example we are looking at is the California based Liberty solution for conditional access.

3. It is preferable to have a third party provide open access to charging networks rather than someone with their own network, it avoids the appearance of a conflict of interest.

4. There are other areas that would be fertile and appropriate areas for government sponsored projects, including those developed at local universities, helping them migrate from laboratory innovation to commercial installations.

The goal is to have easy to use, well thought out systems for efficient delivery of energy to mobility solutions in California. Let us find a way to provide leadership in EVSE deployment and local technologies that can be applied to other regions, with good business models supporting them as they mature.

Respectfully Subpritted,

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