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The Honorable Fred Upton Chairman Committee on Energy and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Murphy Chairman Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Frank Pallone Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette Ranking Member Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton, Chairman Murphy, Ranking Member Pallone, and Ranking Member DeGette:

As leaders in the electric vehicle (EV) charging industry, we read with great interest your committee's notice of a hearing on the Volkswagen settlement agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Justice, and California Air Resources Board. We believe that the settlement provides a unique opportunity for a large injection of capital into the electric vehicle charging sector and welcome it as the growing private sector participants strive to tackle a number of key infrastructure challenges that will require significant additional investment. Attracting additional dollars to transform public transportation is the key way to grow our industry and build on the opportunity presented by this investment.

Per our public comments on the settlement filed with the Department of Justice in August, EVgo believes that providing a network of high-speed charging is the best way to increase range confidence and provide access to the benefits of electric vehicles to the most diverse set of consumers. As an owner operator, EVgo is committed to ensuring that drivers have reliable access to well-maintained and financially sustainable infrastructure. EVgo is the nation's largest provider of public fast charging services for EVs with 850+ fast chargers across more than 50 metros in the U.S. Our stations are open to all vehicles, with charging connectors that support both dominant standards—CHAdeMO and CCS—and also allow Tesla drivers to connect and charge at EVgo stations with an adaptor. We own and operate our charging infrastructure and provide services directly to drivers, both in partnership with automakers and with individual drivers through subscription and walk up services. This unique business model puts EVgo squarely in the mix with consumers as direct customers, and retail properties

as host partners, and automakers as financial and strategic partners in delivering affordable, reliable, and accessible fast charging to EV drivers. When we say we put our customers first, we mean all of those stakeholders integral to the deployment of today's EVs as well as the next generation of vehicles.

In order to expand on our nation-leading fast charger footprint and the excellent work to date by the leaders in the charging industry, large sums of additional investment will be needed to cover increased operating expenses, upgrade 50kw stations to 100kw, 150kw, and eventually 300kw+ chargers that get EV drivers on their way in 10-20 minutes, and proliferate the number of public fast charge stations to make EVs accessible to residents of all geographies and income levels by addressing the multifamily housing challenge. The Volkswagen investment will be a significant down payment on the investment required to make ubiquitous EV deployments a reality. The EV charging industry is a strong and growing set of companies that stands ready and able to execute on the needs of settlement parties as Volkswagen looks to deploy settlement resources quickly, efficiently, and responsibly to overcome infrastructure barriers to EV adoption.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our views today and look forward to being a helpful partner as we move toward mass EV adoption across the country. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance as the committee continues its work on this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry O'Day Vice President