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The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1327 (Reyes), Electric vehicle supply equipment regulation – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Cervantes,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our strong opposition to SB 1327 (Reyes), which would significantly alter the regulatory framework governing the accuracy and oversight of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) in California.

While the goal of ensuring consumer protection in EV charging is important, SB 1327 creates several concerns regarding regulatory fragmentation, loss of clarity for local enforcement, and potential disruption to existing county responsibilities under California's weights and measures laws.

First, the bill shifts statewide regulatory authority over EVSE accuracy from the Secretary of Food and Agriculture, long charged with setting uniform standards for commercial weighing and measuring devices, to the California Energy Commission (CEC). This transfer could create inconsistent standards, duplicative oversight, and uncertainty for consumers, operators, and local jurisdictions alike. The existing statutory framework for weights and measures has a proven enforcement structure, and removing EVSE from that system may weaken the consistency and accountability currently provided.

Second, while SB 1327 authorizes county sealers to continue testing and certifying EVSE accuracy, it requires local enforcement to comply with future regulations adopted by the CEC. This creates a bifurcated and potentially confusing system in which county sealers must adjust longstanding protocols once new CEC regulations take effect. Counties may be compelled to retrain staff, update procedures, and adapt to new regulatory standards without clarity on the associated fiscal or operational impacts.

Third, the bill prematurely renders existing regulations inoperative and repeals provisions related to EVSE testing and retesting requirements on timelines tied not to demonstrated readiness, but to the completion of CEC rulemaking. This risks creating gaps in enforceability and oversight during the transition period, with consequences for consumer protection and local program continuity.

Given the rapid growth of electric vehicle infrastructure across California, it is essential that the State maintain coherent, stable, and clearly delegated authority for ensuring accuracy and fairness in commercial transactions. SB 1327, as currently drafted, would undermine those objectives by shifting regulatory responsibility away from established systems without sufficient justification or safeguards for local implementation.

For these reasons, the Kern County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes this measure and respectfully urges you to vote **NO on SB 1327**.

Sincerely,



Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
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