



My name is Andy Snope. I represent the Members of IBEW Local 292, the electrical workers. Our members perform work installing and maintaining Energy systems all over the state of Minnesota. The installation of solar systems, energy efficiency and electrical vehicle infrastructure have benefited our members. There is a transition to cleaner energy and IBEW Local 292 members have provided the skilled trained work force to help with that transition to a more energy efficient and cleaner energy production world. When you think about renewable and efficient energy, think highly skilled, high wage and benefited careers. Constructing Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure, will create jobs in the Electrical industry.

Thank you Chair Ecklund and members of the Labor and Veterans Committee for allowing me to testify today. I am here today to not only speak on behalf of IBEW electrical workers who install EV Infrastructure but also as a long time Electric Vehicle owner. 3 out of 4 of my family's vehicles are electric vehicles 4 out of 5 of my neighbors have electric vehicles. Owning an electric vehicle is gaining popularity.

An efficient, reliable Electric Vehicle infrastructure is needed in Minnesota. HF 4066 being discussed here today, will help to provide future opportunities to prepare for the infrastructure needed for electric vehicle owners. Where there are opportunities to provide parking, this bill will encourage the building of EV charging infrastructure. Where this encouragement is most needed is in the multi-occupancy homeowner market. As an Electrician and single-family homeowner, building my own level 2 charging system in my home was easy. For homeowners in multi-family apartments and condominium structures, that option is just not available now, because most likely the infrastructure to do so, is just not in place.

We typically urge caution in legislating building and mechanical code or requirements, this process should be left to industry participants and advisors. After working with stakeholders and Representative Long we are pleased to see this proposal placed in the proper statute which allows for the adoption procedure through the rules making process, advised by the Construction Codes Advisory Council. With that in place, we do support this proposal. Constructing Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure, will create jobs in the Electrical industry.

The IBEW provides training to electrical workers not only in MN electrical laws and rules, but we also instruct workers specifically with the additional skills needed to install, operate and maintain EV chargers, through our Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program or EVITP. IBEW Electrical Workers and the Contractors we work for, are ready get to work on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure for Minnesotans.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify today. I am happy to answer any questions and am always available at any time for any follow up.