



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 clean energy, think highly skilled, high wage and benefited careers. Constructing Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure, will create jobs in the Electrical industry.

Thank you Chair Long and members of the Climate and Energy Committee for allowing me to testify today and for setting aside this unique opportunity today to talk about Electric Vehicle infrastructure. 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.

An efficient, reliable Electric Vehicle infrastructure is needed in Minnesota. The bills discussed here today, help to provide the blueprint to get the job done to ease the range anxiety currently felt by electric vehicle owners that drive across and throughout the state.

Under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Minnesota can expect to receive \$68 Million to support the expansion of an EV charging network. I want to urge the Minnesota Legislature and the Administration to do what has to be done to receive this money. The legislature needs to pass a 20% match and the administration needs to develop a State EV infrastructure plan.

IBEW Members across the state are ready to get this work done. This is another opportunity to couple alternative energy electrification with the creation of energy related careers. With each one of these Electric Vehicle bills before you, I want to encourage you to consider adding provisions to require area labor standard wages and benefits. As well as protecting the high labor standards of licensing, supervision ratios and regulation we expect for a safe installation here in Minnesota.

Under provisions of the Federal Infrastructure Act, the Department of Transportation and Energy will develop minimum standards required for the installation, operation and maintenance of EV infrastructure. In Minnesota this standard is the State's standard of Electrical Inspection, licensing, supervision and regulation.

The IBEW provides training to electrical workers not only for our States 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.