Memorandum of Support

March 1, 2022

**S.370-A (Hoylman)/A.346 (Cahill)**

**Purpose:** S.370-A/A.346 would require all parking garages, open parking lots and other parking facilities owned and operated by New York State to install and maintain charging stations for electric vehicles.

**Statement of Support:** Transportation currently accounts for almost a third of New York’s greenhouse gas emissions. In order to meet the ambitious goals set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act in 2019, our state must transition away from gas-powered combustion engines to electric vehicles (EVs). If we are to keep ahead of the worst effects of the climate crisis, every new car on the road will have to be all-electric by 2035. This goal was codified by the NYS Legislature and signed by Governor Hochul in September, 2021.

One way to encourage residents and businesses to switch to electric vehicles is to ensure that there will be adequate availability of public charging infrastructure. As the number of EVs on our roads increases, the need for charging stations increases correspondingly. In recognition of this need, S.370-A/A.346 would require all NYS owned and operated public parking facilities to install and maintain electric charging stations, the percentage dependent on the number of parking spaces at the facility. The bill also requires identification of parking spaces with chargers by signs which prohibit the use of these spaces by vehicles which do not require the use of the chargers, and authorizes authorities to issue citations for violations of this restriction.

S.370-A/A.346 confirms that it will comply with state labor law regarding prevailing wage requirements.

By providing charging facilities for NYS residents and visitors with EVs who were previously concerned with limitations of available infrastructure, this bill will boost NY’s economy through increases in EV sales, which will raise state tax revenue and provide local jobs in EV manufacture and sales.

Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter supports this legislation as a commonsense way to move NY in the right direction towards decarbonization, while ensuring prevailing wage standards for a clean energy economy.

**The Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter Strongly Urges Your Support of S.370-A/A.346.**