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Statement Regarding Committee Passage of Electric Vehicle Charging Legislation (SB 920)

Jay Smith, Executive Director of Charge Ahead Partnership, issued the following statement regarding passage of SB 920 in Senate Committee on Regulated Industries related to electric vehicle charging in Florida.

"I want to thank Senator Perry and the committee members that supported SB 920. Today's committee vote sends a message that Florida is ready to embrace free-market solutions to bring a reliable network of fast EV chargers across the Sunshine State. Although this is just the first step, it's an important step to reducing range anxiety and bringing charging stations to every community."

SB 920 and its House companion bill (HB 737) encourage private investment to expand the EV charging network in Florida. Specifically, the bills:

- Require the PSC to adopt competitively neutral rules for a robust and reliable electric vehicle transportation electrification plan which includes fair, reasonable and transparent electricity pricing for EV charging.
- Create a competitive, level playing field by prohibiting rate-basing of EV charger ownership and operation.
- Allow investor-owned utilities to continue to own and operate EV charging stations, but in a competitive manner under the same regulations and rate structure as other EV charging retailers.

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