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Statement Regarding Senate Committee Passage of Electric Vehicle Charging Legislation (SB460)

Jay Smith, Executive Director of Charge Ahead Partnership, issued the following statement regarding passage of SB460 in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs related to electric vehicle charging in Louisiana.

"I want to applaud Senator Rick Ward and the committee members that supported SB460 to grow the number of EV chargers in Louisiana. With a unanimous vote, the committee sent a strong message that Louisiana is ready to lead the country in allowing the free-market and private investment to bring EV chargers to more communities. There's no need for the power companies to use ratepayer money to fund EV charging when private sector retailers are willing to build out the EV charging network at their own risk. This legislation will allow more businesses to own and operate EV chargers so that recharging a vehicle is as seamless as refueling a gas-powered vehicle is today."

SB460 encourages private investment to expand the EV charging network in Louisiana. Specifically, the bill:

- Requires the Public Service Commission 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.
- Creates a competitive, level playing field by prohibiting rate-basing of EV charger ownership and operation.
- Allows 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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