

**Testimony of Natalie King**  
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Good morning Chairman Bobby Rush, Ranking Member Frank Upton and members of the Subcommittee. I am Natalie King, the founder and CEO of Dunamis Clean Energy Partners, LLC, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Dunamis Charge.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today regarding our experience and role in the transformative clean energy economy that is currently being created through the electrification of the automotive industry; as well as the resulting nation-wide EV infrastructure needed to bring equitable, energy efficient, carbon reducing mobility solutions to all Americans.

Dunamis Clean Energy Partners, founded in 2012, is a woman and minority-owned, Detroit, MI-based company dedicated to changing how people access energy. Our company provides energy management and energy efficiency products and services for commercial and industrial customers throughout the United States, with an intentional commitment towards environmental and social justice. Our new clean energy initiative, Dunamis Charge, is proudly the first African American woman owned OEM manufacturer of Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) in the United States. We specialize in providing intelligent, reliable, and user-friendly electric vehicle chargers that optimize and stabilize energy flow to fill the needs of individual, commercial and utility customers to charge at home, workplace or public space. Dunamis Charge is preparing to manufacture Level 2 EV chargers and charging connectors in our new production facility in Detroit beginning this summer. We will also begin production of our DC Fast Charger models by early 2023.

As a small business owner, the launch of our EV Charger manufacturing plant is a monumental yet immensely rewarding step of faith that has been undergirded by the substantive support and investment of the Biden Administration’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides for \$7.5 billion to build out the first-ever nationwide public EV charging network. This funding also includes \$2.5 billion in community grants that will support creative charger deployment in rural and disadvantaged, low income communities to ensure that ALL Americans have access to this carbon-reducing technology. A key component of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is the incorporation of the Build America, Buy America Act. This Act will further spur economic growth and development by ensuring that future electric vehicle service equipment procured through federal dollars are made in America, by American workers. These ground breaking EV infrastructure initiatives will have an immense impact on small US-based businesses like Dunamis to grow its manufacturing presence in the EV Charging Station market. It will also allow us to play our part in strengthening the American economy and

delivering on President Biden's promise to diversify emergent industries and deploy clean energy technologies & infrastructure. We are proud that our chargers meet Buy America and Build America (BABA) requirements for steel, iron, manufactured products and construction materials. In addition, our products will be made in America, by American workers. Dunamis' training, apprenticeship and workforce development efforts will focus on underrepresented, economically disadvantaged Detroit communities. We anticipate creating up to 150 good-paying, green collar jobs by 2025. These jobs will enable our workforce to develop technical expertise in this new burgeoning industry while creating sustainable livelihoods for themselves and their families. As part of its commitment to bring best-in-class EVSE manufacturing to Detroit, we are aiming to have the greatest impact where greenhouse gas emissions and poverty overlap.

It is in the Dunamis DNA makeup and mission to support and promote a carbon neutral environment. We envision building a world where going electric is easy and power is available where you are, where you go, and when you need it. For everyone. Dunamis builds networked chargers believing the transition to electric mobility should benefit every community and provide reliable options for all vehicle owners and operators. It is our commitment to have American workers make a superior American-made EV charging product. We will meet this commitment by incorporating engagement and job creation for those communities that are the most underserved, underrepresented, and disproportionately impacted by pollution in their neighborhoods. Our goal is to create a holistic approach to EV Infrastructure, where we meet the societal and global needs of decarbonization by building domestic EV charging manufacturing capabilities, while also building communities. With this, we believe Dunamis Charge is organically aligned with the goals and objectives of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and are truly excited and appreciative of the potential opportunity and support provided by this Administration.

Thank you for your time and I am open to any questions you may have.