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STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR ACTION

IN THE MATTER OF:

MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEMS

BEFORE THE NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Good afternoon, I am William R. Healey, Special Advisor to the President at New Jersey Alliance For Action and represent our President, Gerald T. Keenan.

The New Jersey Alliance for Action is a non-partisan and non-profit association representing thousands of business, labor, government, utility, education, professional and other New Jersey leaders. Our mission is to improve New Jersey's economy through the promotion of environmentally friendly capital construction and infrastructure investment.

For over 40 years, the Alliance has focused exclusively on promoting responsible infrastructure investment in New Jersey and the region including energy delivery and renewable energy, transportation, water, and coastal protection.

Thank you for allowing me to share the Alliance's perspective on the New Jersey Medium and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Straw Proposal.

Let me summarize our organization's comments:

- We support allowing utilities to invest in infrastructure that will help speed the process of converting small commercial fleets to EV status. And to do it beyond the scope of what is presently proposed.
- Our utilities can also provide technical support for those participating in the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program.

We believe making greater use of utility expertise as we have suggested above will better enable the state to meet its MHD EV goals of 30% of all vehicles by 2030. New Jersey needs to create a comprehensive EV Ecosystem that provides both light-duty and MHD EVs with public access to charging infrastructure on key travel corridors and at key workplaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this important public forum of the NJ Board of Public Utilities.

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