



Maryland
Energy
Administration

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TO: Environment and Transportation
FROM: Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA
SUBJECT: HB0111 -Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act and Fee Exemptions
DATE: February 4, 2020
CONTENTS: Letter in Support of with Amendments

MEA Position: FAVORABLE – WITH AMENDMENTS

Explanation

House Bill 111 has some language which will require the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) to create a program that involves duplicative work. MEA’s Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program 2.0 (“EVSE”) is funded annually by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund and allows community associations such as condominiums and homeowners associations to apply for grants for the same sort of equipment addressed in the legislation. This program has been appropriated \$1.2mn for the past three fiscal years. In FY18 over 600 grants were issued for charging stations. EVSE has been completely subscribed for the current program year. MEA recommends that the committee strike the proposed changes to the statutory language beginning on Page 7 at Line 17 through Page 9 Line 5.

In the alternative, MEA recommends that the language beginning on Page 7 at Line 17 through Page 9 Line 5 be amended to allow MEA to administer the legislation’s proposed Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program as a subprogram of the EVSE by inserting the on Page 8 after Line 2: “The Administration shall administer the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program as a sub-program under the Administration’s existing Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program 2.0.”

Justification

MEA supports the construction of electric vehicle charging equipment for residential use. MEA is an agency with forty to fifty staff members. The existing EVSE program is administered in an efficient and successful manner. MEA believes that a removing the agency’s grants to community associations from the EVSE into a separate program would create unnecessarily duplicative work and additional administrative hurdles.

For these reasons, MEA requests you to give House Bill 111 a favorable report with the amendments discussed herein.