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Re: House Bill 111
Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act
Hearing Date: February 4, 2020
Position: Support with amendment

Dear Delegate Barve and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee (“MD-LAC”) of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”). CAI represents individuals and professionals who reside in or work with condominiums, homeowners associations and cooperatives throughout the State of Maryland.

MD-LAC supports HB 111. We believe that Electric Vehicles are a growing segment of today’s environmentally responsible population. As the number of owners grows, it will be

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necessary to provide the charging stations needed for their daily fueling. HB 111 provides a guideline for new and existing multifamily units to accommodate these vehicles. However, we offer the following amendment to ensure that there is clarity in protecting the safety of all owners and residents in common areas: On page 2 , line 35, add the following: "THE GOVERNING BODY MAY ADDITIONALLY RESTRICT INSTALLATION TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS ARE MET TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF ALL USERS OF THE COMMON AREAS" This will ensure that not only safety considerations for the installation site, but for all the common areas are considered in the process.

Accordingly, the MD-LAC respectfully requests that the Committee give HB 111 a favorable report with this amendment. We are available to answer any questions the Committee Members may have. Please feel free to contact Lisa Harris Jones, lobbyist for the MD-LAC, at 410-366-1500, or by e-mail at lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com, or Steven K. Randol, Chair of the MD-LAC, at 410-695-2183 or via email at srandol@pineyorchard.com

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