

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 111 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Paul Verchinski, and I currently drive an electric 2018 Chevy Volt plug in hybrid. I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) representing the public. I am a board member of the Oakland Mills Community Association (OMCA). OMCA is a community association representing approximately 10,000 residents in Columbia, MD. OMCA would like to see wider adoption of electric vehicle charging stations (EVSEs) in the OMCA so that electric vehicles will be bought by residents that live in Multifamily Units.. We therefore support passage of HB 111 for the following reasons.

We have recently been reviewing and approving EVSEs in Oakland Mills where our residents have garages, parking pads, and car ports integral with single family residences. A number of our single family residents own electric vehicles and have installed EVSEs. We have done outreach to our sub Homeowners Associations (HOA) encouraging them to review and approve EVSEs in their parking lots. To date, none have installed an EVSE in their parking lots. The take away from discussions with them has been that they would like guidance on how they should accomplish this with their residents. HB 111 would provide that guidance to HOA boards that oversee condos, townhouses, etc.

HB111 lays out the ground rules for both the HOA boards and an electric vehicle owner who wants to install an EVSE in their parking lot. It requires the EV driver to pay all expenses, including insurance, and offers guarantees that protect HOA's, in addition to grant funding. HB 111 is a win for everyone.

Please vote Favorably for HB111

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