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## Written Testimony of

Peter Demchuk, Business Manager, IBEW LOCAL 24

Before the

Judicial Proceedings Committee On

SB 144 – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

## SUPPORT

February 23, 2021

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony supporting Senate Bill 144.

For the record, my name is Peter Demchuk. I am a 41- year member, and the Business Manager, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 24 located in Baltimore. I represent approximately 2,000 hardworking, Maryland tax paying electricians. I am a lifelong resident of Maryland and reside in District 7 of Baltimore County.

We are in support of SB144 as this will allow for the installation of additional vehicle charging stations. As we strive to use less fossil fuel to save the environment for the next generation, the ability to do that is difficult because of “old school” condominium or homeowner association restrictions. If we are going to lower our carbon footprint we must have the ability to charge electric vehicles and this bill will assist in the installation of more charging stations.

IBEW Local 24 has the skilled electricians, that have been trained at our state-of-the-art Apprenticeship Training Center to safely install these charging stations, and we actually have installed a charging station for “hands on” training.

I ask you to vote favorably on SB 144, so we can assist those who choose to own an electric vehicle have a location to charge their vehicle and reduce the use of fossil fuels and save the environment of this great State of Maryland.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Peter P. Demchuk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Demchuk" clearly legible.

Peter P. Demchuk

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