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**FAVORABLE - Senate Bill 627
State Building Code – Electric Vehicles**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **Senate Bill 627 State Building Code – Electric Vehicles**. Senate Bill 627 will adopt regulations around state building codes to require that newly constructed buildings, and those undergoing significant renovation, include an electrical panel for parking upgrades to include provisions for electrical capacity for charging electric vehicles (EVs). These codes would apply to privately owned commercial buildings, multi-family residential buildings and mixed use spaced (residential and commercial), and single family/townhomes and require these spaces to have a minimum percentage of EV-capable, EV-ready, and electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) installed parking spaces in a garage or parking area.

The use and popularity of electric vehicles is on the rise, and with it, the increased need for electric vehicle charging stations. This legislation would help to facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles in Maryland by removing barriers to residential charging. Accordingly, Pepco and Delmarva Power launched our EVSmart Programs, which support efforts to increase utilization of electric vehicles and will help to reduce greenhouse gas reduction emissions. The EVSmart Programs provide rebates, tools and information to help customers make more informed decisions to make the transition to a cleaner transportation option. As part of the EVSmart Program, Pepco and Delmarva Power have installed a total of 108 public EV chargers throughout Maryland, with a goal to install 350 EV chargers in our Maryland service area by 2024. In addition, our EVsmart programs would help to mitigate the cost of implementing Senate Bill 627, because the program incentivizes the installation of charging infrastructure at 1,000 residential and 125 multi-unit dwelling properties.

Encouraging the growth of EVs is critically important because transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. In summary, this bill is a common-sense approach to standardizing reasonable processes regarding the approval and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 627.

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