



Hon. Kumar P. Barve, Chair  
Maryland Environment and Transportation Committee  
House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street  
Room 251  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Barve,

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) in support of House Bill 101. Our Coalition is one of the 90+ Clean Cities Coalitions around the country headquartered in the District of Columbia, which we have programmatic responsibility for the region including the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Maryland.

We believe strongly in the need for renewable energy practices, building retrofits, electrification of vehicles, modernization of the electrical grid, and a variety of different technologies and practices to address climate change in the DMV region. Our work in the local community focuses on the support of climate plans that focus on environmental justice and equity. We've cultivated these beliefs through Clean Cities Community Events, Green Job Fairs, Apartment and Condo Electrification Events, and Vehicle Technology Deployment and Replacement.

These beliefs have guided us to support legislation and programs that pursue the same objectives and advocate for the expansion and accessibility of new technologies in order to strengthen climate change combatant methodologies. Given this, HB101's call for the implementation and use of clean energy equipment within condominiums presents an opportunity to continue efforts against climate change in strong accordance with our own objectives. It is important in the fact that this bill ensures access to electric vehicle technology for those who reside in buildings and facilities other than single family homes.

Our goal is to promote the use of clean domestic fuels to assure our nation's and region's climate security and help counties in their unique role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and their preparation for the impacts of climate change through regional and inter jurisdictional coordination of policies and programs affecting air quality, transportation, and environmental equity.

As the former Chair of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation, I strongly support this resolution. This is an important step for an issue that has been of concern for Maryland homeowners and residents, such as myself, for many years.

Sincerely,

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Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition