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Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair
House Environment & Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: **TESTIMONY OF SUPPORT**: HB 830: Residential Construction or Significant Renovation
– Electric Vehicle Charging

Dear Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee,

I commend Delegate Terrasa on sponsoring House Bill 830 and her consistent environmental advocacy efforts.

Howard County's investment in installing public electric vehicle charging infrastructure has been a catalyst for creating accessibility for residents who now drive electric vehicles. This bill aims to expand the opportunity to residents to do in their homes. Transportation accounts for the largest share of contributing emissions to greenhouse gases and climate change, so this legislation will be critical in encouraging behaviors that are in alignment with removing barriers to electric vehicle infrastructure.

Howard County's dedication and demonstrated leadership in the fight against climate change is why we are now a LEED Platinum community. This prestigious designation from the U.S. Green Building Council is due to our dedication to implementing environmental and sustainability programs that advance solar power, improve transit and electric vehicles, and build accessible and green infrastructure.

Last October, I signed an Executive Order that committed Howard County to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by the year 2031 and reaching net-zero emissions by 2045. These goals mirror the goals set forth in the Climate Solutions Now Act. Our goals are not just for government operations but for all of Howard County and House Bill 830 will play a critical role in achieving them.

As County Executive, I will continue to advocate for a clean and environment for generations to come and am proud to partner with the Delegate to be environmental stewards of our land. I welcome your support and urge a favorable report on House Bill 830.

All the Best,

Calvin Ball
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