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HB 0830

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TO: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Interim Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 0830 – Residential Construction or Significant Renovation - Electric Vehicle Charging

POSITION: Opposes

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **opposes** House Bill (HB) 830.

HB 0830 is a mandate for every housing unit that is newly constructed or with qualifying renovations. While we understand the goal is to provide sufficient electrical charging to encourage adoption of EVs; there are potentially unintended consequences here. When the city begins renovation for affordable housing, those residents likely do not own vehicles; Baltimore City's zoning code discounts required parking for that reason. The renovation or new construction of these affordable properties must include EV ready parking spaces.

It also appears that the intent is for those spaces to not be used by any vehicle other than an EV. Those spaces will therefore increase cost and are not likely to be used. It would appear that if the parking lot on a public housing site is trenched, then it will need to be improved with EV Charging at the same time.

While we understand the goal, the mandate will not impact all property owners in the same way. For these reasons, the BCA respectfully requests an unfavorable report for HB 830.