

SB 695 — Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units -
Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces
Position: **Favorable**

March 4, 2024

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Senate Bill 695, which aims to establish requirements for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment during the construction or significant renovation of housing units.

As Maryland ranks among the top ten states nationally for EV adoption, it is crucial that we proactively address the growing demand for EV charging infrastructure. Senate Bill 695 presents an invaluable opportunity to future-proof our residential buildings and ensure that Maryland residents have access to convenient, affordable, and reliable charging options.

By encouraging the inclusion of EV charging infrastructure in new multifamily residential buildings and significant renovations, this bill will facilitate easier adoption of EVs for homeowners and also support the growth of clean transportation.

It is essential to prioritize the installation of conduit and panel space for electric vehicle charging during construction to minimize future retrofitting costs. This will help ensure access to low-cost residential utility rates by directly wiring EV spaces to home meters.

In conclusion, I urge you to support Senate Bill 695 and help advance this critical initiative. By doing so, we can take a significant step towards building a more sustainable future for Maryland. I respectfully ask the committee to provide a favorable report on Senate Bill 695.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,



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