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**BILL NO.:**            **SB 465**

**TITLE:**                **Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024)**

**SPONSOR:**           **Senator Kelly**

**COMMITTEE:**        **Judicial Proceedings**

**POSITION:**           **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**                **February 14, 2024**

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 465 – Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024). This vital legislation would expand the State Free Feeding Program to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students attending a qualifying school. This legislation makes recorded covenants or provisions in by-laws of a cooperative housing corporation unenforceable if it effectively prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation of electric vehicle charging equipment in a member's parking space or space designated for use by a member/resident.

Baltimore County, like many other counties in Maryland, has been expanding the availability of Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment, and updating our local codes and standards to ensure that all Chargers installed in public and private settings are professionally installed, and appropriately permitted. Any homeowner, even those residing within cooperative housing settings, should be allowed to install, at their own cost, an EV Charger, so long as they abide by County building codes and relevant permitting, pay for their own electricity use, and appropriately operate and maintain the charging equipment. SB 465 simply ensures that any cooperative housing member that applies to the housing governing body and abides by all local regulations cannot be explicitly or effectively be denied the ability to install their own EV charger.

Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 465. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at [jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov).