

Testimony to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
SB 465 Common Ownership Communities - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment  
**Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable William C. Smith, Chair  
Room 2, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

My name is Scott Wilson, and my family currently drives an all-electric 2017 Chevy Bolt EV and 2013 Nissan Leaf. I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC), and I'm also Vice President of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC). I support passage of SB 465 for the following reasons.

Being single-family homeowners, we charge our cars 95% of the time in our garage. Aside from driving at 3 cents/mile compared to 12+ cents/mile on gas, home charging is the biggest advantage of owning an EV. For HOA/COC residents, installing home charging can be an insurmountable burden, since each driver must use enormous effort to research cost, placement and installation and, after putting all these pieces in place, face summary dismissal by their HOA.

SB 465 strikes a good balance between the interests of the community and those of the driver. The HOA has input and process, and the driver has a date certain decision. The bill reduces cost and risk for HOAs, since the driver pays for all electricity, hardware, installation and insurance. Coordinated management of member-installed charging by the HOA can lead to an attractive amenity. Bottom line: HOA/COC residents can have the same advantages of home charging enjoyed by single-family homeowners.

Please support SB 465, so that a major portion of Maryland families living in HOAs and COCs can benefit from clean, cheap EV driving.

Thank you for your time,

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