

SB 465 — Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024
Position: **Favorable**

February 14, 2024

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr.
Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

I support the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024 (SB 465) and its proposed revisions to the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act of 2021. This legislation represents a crucial step forward in addressing the needs of electric vehicle (EV) owners and improving access to EV charging infrastructure in Maryland.

SB 465 builds upon the foundation laid by the legislation passed in 2021, which established rules for condo boards and homeowners associations (HOAs) to allow for charging equipment in multifamily settings. The proposed changes will further eliminate obstacles faced by EV owners in installing charging equipment in multifamily housing communities.

The bill expands the definition of multi-unit housing to include cooperative housing (co-ops). This will ensure greater access to EV charging for residents of co-ops, similar to other multifamily housing residents. This will help Maryland achieve a more equitable distribution of EV charging options, aligning with the state's emissions and EV goals.

The legislation will require that the Department of Housing and Community Development publish information about the “Right-to-Charge” law on its website and serve as the point of contact for interested parties. This ensures transparency and accessibility, providing valuable guidance to stakeholders on the implementation of the law.

The Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024 will significantly contribute to Maryland's adoption of electric vehicles and its efforts to reduce emissions and achieve equitable access to charging infrastructure. I urge a favorable report on SB 465.

Sincerely,



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